

Title: State: Leveraging the “D” in DIME

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SYNOPSIS:

The lecture will consist of three parts:

1. DOS and USAID in Washington and within the interagency as well as agency structure(s).
2. DOS and USAID in the field, the jobs of diplomats and foreign service officers in Embassies and multi-lateral missions.
3. Myth busting and information about DOS and USAID operations, including but not limited to agency size, budgets, roles, and function within the dime, etc.

BIOS:

Lia Miller, a career member of the U.S. Foreign Service, has worked extensively on issues across the Middle East, North Africa, Eastern Europe, and Latin America. In both her professional and volunteer capacities, she has demonstrated leadership and innovation in public diplomacy, communications and public outreach, humanitarian relief, democratic institution building and reform, social inclusion, equity, and diversity, among other areas.

Lia is currently a student at the U.S. Naval War College and will serve as the Principal Officer/Consul General at the U.S. Consulate in Barcelona in her next assignment. She has also held assignments in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, the Operations Center, the Bureau of Global Public Affairs, the Office of Middle East Transitions, the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, and at the U.S. Embassies in Armenia, Bolivia, Tunisia, Nicaragua, and Oman for the U.S. Department of State.

Lia earned a Bachelor of Science with honors, with double majors in Social Work and African-American studies, and dual Masters in Public Administration and International Relations from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. Lia also holds a Masters of Science in Social Work from Columbia University. She speaks Arabic, Armenian, and Spanish.

John “J.T.” Ice, a career member of the U.S. Foreign Service, is currently attending the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, where he is a senior student in the College of Naval Warfare’s National Security and Strategic Studies Program.

Before his assignment to the Naval War College, Mr. Ice served as Deputy Spokesperson for the U.S. Department of State from June 2020 to June 2022. Prior to his assignment as Deputy Spokesperson, he served as Spokesperson and Information Officer at U.S. Embassy Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Before his posting to Ethiopia, Mr. Ice served as Political Section Chief at U.S. Embassy Dakar, Senegal, and in the Department of State’s Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs as

Turkey Desk Officer, where he held the Internal Politics/Human Rights and Counterterrorism portfolios. Mr. Ice was also posted to U.S. Embassy Kabul, Afghanistan, as a Staff Assistant to the Ambassador; in the Department of State's Operations Center as a Watch Officer; and to U.S. Embassy Lilongwe, Malawi, as Political-Military Officer. His first tour after entering the Foreign Service was in San Jose, Costa Rica, where he served as Vice Consul. He has received multiple State Department Superior and Meritorious Honor awards over the course of his career.

A native of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Mr. Ice worked in the Thoroughbred racehorse industry and various positions in local government and in the federal government before being commissioned as a Foreign Service Officer in 2006. He also served in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1988-1996.

Mr. Ice holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Kentucky and a MA in International Relations from UK's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce. He speaks French and Spanish and is an instrument-rated private pilot. Mr. Ice is married to Andrea Moore Ice and is the proud father of two daughters, Providence and Liberty.

Stacie Hankins is a career member of the U.S. Foreign Service, currently pursuing a Master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, RI. Before the Naval War College, she was the Consular Chief at the U.S. Embassy in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (2020-2022). Before that, she served as Deputy Consul General in Islamabad, Pakistan (2018-2019), managing a multi-million-dollar budget for consular sections in Islamabad, Karachi, and Lahore.

Stacie also worked in the Bureau of Consular Affairs' Office of the Executive Director (CA/EX) as a Management Analyst (2016-2018), where she managed resources for all consular sections in South America. She has served Consular Chief in Abuja, Nigeria; Staff Assistant to the Ambassador in Rome, Italy; and Political/Consular Officer in Belmopan, Belize and Tirana, Albania (her first Foreign Service tour). Domestically, she was the desk officer for Nicaragua in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, and the public affairs/outreach officer in the Bureau of Consular Affairs.

Born in Lawrence, Kansas and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Stacie now calls Alexandria, VA home. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, she worked in the financial services industry. She holds a B.A. in International Studies from Emory University and an MBA in International Business from Georgia State University. She speaks French and has studied Albanian, Italian, Spanish, and Urdu.

Dan Travis is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service with over 20 years of experience as a foreign policy practitioner. He has 17 years' experience in the field, with tours in Poland, Ghana, Hungary, Uganda, and Kenya. Most recently, Dan served as Deputy Chief of Mission and Chargé d'Affaires in the Republic of Congo. In Washington, Dan served as a Watch Officer in the Secretary of State's Executive Secretariat and as a staff assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Consular Affairs. After completing his assignment to the U.S. Naval War College, he will become the Director of Economic and Regional Affairs in the State Department's Bureau of African Affairs in Washington DC.

Dan was born and raised in California, where he received a B.A. from Humboldt State University. He and his wife of 29 years have two grown children. He speaks Polish and French.

Christine Harbaugh, a career member of the U.S. Foreign Service, is currently attending the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, where she is a senior student in the College of Naval Warfare's National Security and Strategic Studies Program. Before her assignment to the Naval War College, Christine served as the International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) Director at the U.S. Embassy Guatemala City for the U.S. Department of State from July 2019 to June 2022. Prior to her assignment as INL Director, she served in Washington in the Western Hemisphere Affairs' Office for Economic Policy and Summit Coordination (WHA/EPSC) responsible for the WHA's private sector engagement and telecommunications particularly in the context of the Summit of the Americas.

Prior to that, Christine served as the INL Chief of the Organized Crime and Counternarcotics Division U.S. Embassy Colombia from 2015-2018 where she managed a team of 30 staff and a budget of about \$128 million in multi-year funding. Before Colombia she served in Embassy Sarajevo as the Head of the Economic Unit focusing on EU integration and Embassy foreign assistance. Christine also served as Human Rights and Labor Officer in Embassy Lima and Pol/Econ Consular Officer in Embassy Vientiane. Her other Washington experience includes as the World Bank Desk Officer in the Economic Bureau's Office for Development Finance and in the Office for Afghanistan. She has received multiple State Department Superior and Meritorious Honor awards over the course of her career.

A native of Puerto Rico and New York, Christine worked in the hospitality and tourism industry, community development in Oregon and an international organization before being commissioned as a Foreign Service Officer in 2002. She worked for the Organization for Security and Cooperation, Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina focused on democratization, human rights, and elections from 1997-2000.

Christine holds a MS in Social Policy and Planning in Developing Countries from the London School of Economics and Political Science in the United Kingdom and a BS in Hotel Administration from the Cornell University. She speaks Spanish and Serbo-Croat. Christine is the proud mother of daughter, Alina.

James Hagengruber joined the State Department in 2009 and is a public diplomacy-coned officer with the rank of FS-02. His most recent assignment was information officer/spokesman at U.S. Embassy Belgrade, Serbia. Previously, James served as public affairs officer at Embassy Praia, Cabo Verde; vice consul at U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad, India; and assistant cultural affairs officer at Embassy Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. He speaks Portuguese and Serbo-Croatian.

Prior to joining the State Department, James spent 12 years working as a newspaper reporter and editor, including Europe editor and Iraq correspondent for The Christian Science Monitor. In 2002, he was awarded the Arthur F. Burns Fellowship, where he worked at The Sueddeutsche Zeitung newspaper in Munich, Germany. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science and international relations from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1996 and a master of fine arts degree in creative nonfiction from Eastern Washington University in 2007. Upon completion of his studies at the Naval War College, James will serve as the special assistant to the Assistant Secretary for African Affairs.