

# Facing Diplomacy: United States African American Diplomat Sources

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## [Abercrombie-Winstanley, Gina](#)

### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Iraq, Indonesia, Egypt, Tunisia, Israel, National Security Council detail, United Nations, Saudi Arabia
- U.S. Ambassador to Malta (2012-2016)

### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
- ["Lessons from a Diplomat," Carnegie Mellon University](#)

## [Adams Jr., Samuel Clifford](#)

### Overseas Diplomatic Service



- U.S. Ambassador to Niger (1968-1969)

#### Primary Sources

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- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)

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### Aggrey, Rudolph O.

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Nigeria, France, the Congo
- U.S. Ambassador to Senegal and Gambia (1973-1977)
- U.S. Ambassador to Romania (1977-1981)

#### Primary Sources

- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

#### Secondary Sources

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- MASSAQUOI, H. J. (1976). O. Rudolph Aggrey: our man in Dakar. *Ebony*, 31, 74.

### Akuetteh, Cynthia

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Niger, Tanzania, Canada, Burkina Faso, Côte D’Ivoire
- U.S. Ambassador to Gabon and Sao Tome and Principe (2014-2018)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### Alexander, Leslie

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service



## National Museum of American Diplomacy

- Guyana, Norway, Poland, Spain, Italy, Haiti
- U.S. Ambassador to Mauritius (1993-1996)
- U.S. Ambassador to Ecuador (1996-1999)
- U.S. Ambassador to Haiti (1999-2000)

### Primary Sources

- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History](#)

### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)

### Allen, Bernadette M.

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Burundi, Philippines, Japan, China, Canada
- U.S. Ambassador to Niger (2005-2010)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [BlackPast](#)
- [“An Ambassador Comes Home,” Central College Interview](#)

### Alsup, Carolyn

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Gambia (2015-2018)

### Anyaso, Claudia

#### Diplomatic Service and Civil Service at U.S. Department of State

- 1968-2009

#### Primary Sources

- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History](#)

#### Secondary Sources

- CLAUDIA E ANYASO (ed.), Fifty Years of U.S. Africa Policy: Reflections of Assistant Secretaries of African Affairs and U.S. Embassy Officials (Xlibris, Corp., 2001)

### Austin, Roy L.

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago (2001-2009)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)



### **Avant, Nicole**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to the Bahamas (2009-2011)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### **Baltimore III, Richard Lewis**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Portugal, Zambia, South Africa, Egypt, Hungary, Costa Rica, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan
- U.S. Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman (2002-2006)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [BlackPast](#)

### **Baquet III, Charles R.**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- France, China, Lebanon, South Africa
- U.S. Ambassador to Djibouti (1991-1993)

#### Media Resources

- [CSPAN Program as Deputy Director of the Peace Corps](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

#### Secondary Sources

- Derrick K. Hudson, and III Charles R. Baquet. 1996. "A New Beginning: The U.S. Peace Corps and South Africa: An Interview with Peace Corps Deputy Director Charles R. Baquet III." *Africa Today* 43 (2): 199–203.

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- Baquet, Charles R., III. 1997. "Finding My Village: At Home in the Peace Corps and in the World." *American Visions* 12 (June): 20–23.

### **Barnes, Shirley Elizabeth**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Egypt, Senegal, France, East Berlin, Germany
- U.S. Ambassador to Madagascar (1998-2001)

#### Primary Sources

- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History](#)



#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

#### **Barr, Joyce A.**

##### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Sweden, Hungary, Kenya, Sudan, Turkmenistan, Malaysia
- U.S. Ambassador to Namibia (2004-2007)
- Assistant Secretary for Administration (2001-2017)

##### Media Resources

- [Management Matters Podcast \(October 2020\)](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

#### **Bassett, Ebenezer Don Carlos-First African American Chief of Mission**

##### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Minister to Haiti (1869-1877)

##### Media Resources

- [National Museum of American Diplomacy program, African American Pioneer Diplomats: Ebenezer Bassett and Frederick Douglass](#)
- [National Museum of American Diplomacy program, African American Trailblazers in Diplomacy](#)

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- Christopher Teal, *Hero of Hispaniola: America's First Black Diplomat, Ebenezer D. Bassett* (Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers, 2008).
- Nancy Gordon Heintz, "America's First Black Diplomat," *Foreign Service Journal* (August, 1973).
- Mary J. Mycek, Marian K. O'Keefe, Carolyn B. Ivanoff, *Ebenezer D. Bassett (1833-1908)* (Valley Historical Research Committee, Derby, CT: Reprinted by the Amistad Committee, Inc., 2008).

##### Primary Sources

- [National Archives and Records Administration](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [Central Connecticut State University Bassett History and Timeline](#)

#### **Bean, Maurice D.**



## National Museum of American Diplomacy

### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Nigeria, Liberia
- U.S. Ambassador to Burma (1977-1979)

### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### [Bernicat, Marcia S.](#)

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Mali, France, Morocco, Barbados
- U.S. Ambassador to Senegal and Guinea-Bissau (2008-2011)
- U.S. Ambassador to Republic of Bangladesh (2014-2018)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### [Bishop, Ph.D., Clyde](#)

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Italy, Hong Kong, India, Brazil, Korea, Dominican Republic
- U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Marshall Islands (2007-2009)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### **[Bolen, David - First African American Diplomat to Serve in a Communist Nation](#)**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Liberia, Pakistan, Ghana, West Germany, Yugoslavia
- U.S. Ambassador to Swaziland, Lesotho, and Botswana (1974-1976)
- U.S. Ambassador to the German Democratic Republic (1977-1980)

#### Secondary Sources

- David B. Bolen, *Running Down the Dream: My Journey from the Bayou to the Boardroom* (self-published, available online, 2017).

#### Primary Sources

- [Stanford University David Benjamin Bolen Papers](#)
- [International Society of Olympic Historians Audio Interview](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)



National Museum  
of American Diplomacy

- [Ambassador Bolen first U.S. Ambassador to Serve in a Communist Nation](#)
- [Olympic Career](#)

**Bost, Eric M.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to South Africa (2006-2009)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

**Boswell, William- Appointed as an FSS during the Truman administration, to Liberia; and then appointed to the Foreign Service under Eisenhower**

Secondary Sources

- “5 Get Foreign Service Jobs Hiking Total to 34,” *Baltimore Afro-American* (28 Feb. 1948):18.

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**Brazeal, Aurelia E - First African American woman to be appointed Ambassador by three presidential administrations**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Argentina, Japan
- U.S. Ambassador to Micronesia (1990-1993)
- U.S. Ambassador to Kenya (1993-1996)
- U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia (2002-2005)

Secondary Sources

- [George, Atim Eneida, "Generative Leadership and the Life of Aurelia Erskine Brazeal, a Trailblazing African American Female Foreign Service Officer" \(2020\). Dissertations & Theses.](#)

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- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History](#)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)



### **Bridgewater, Pamela**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- South Africa, Bahamas
- U.S. Ambassador to Benin (2000-2002)
- U.S. Ambassador to Ghana (2005-2008)
- U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica (2010-2013)

#### Media Resources

- [The Ambassador Meets Usain Bolt](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
- [The University of the West Indies Public Lecture](#)

### **Britton Jr., Theodore R.**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Special Representative to Antigua, Dominica, St. Christopher, Nevis, Anguilla, St. Vincent, St. Lucia
- U.S. Ambassador to Barbados and Grenada (1974-1977)

#### Primary Sources

- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History](#)
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#### Media Resources

- [“Marine Britton Fought Racism, Perceptions in WWII and Korea.”](#) *The Citizens*

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### **Brown, Gayleatha B.**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- France, Côte d'Ivoire, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Tanzania
- U.S. Ambassador to Benin (2006-2009)
- U.S. Ambassador to Burkina Faso (2009, did not serve under this appointment)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)





### **Brown, Natalie**

#### Diplomatic Overseas Service

- U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda (2019)

### **Brown, Sue K.**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- France, Liberia, Kenya, Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Indonesia, Ghana, Eritrea
- U.S. Ambassador to Montenegro (2001-2015)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### **Bullen, Roland W.**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Belize, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Barbados
- U.S. Ambassador to Guyana (2003-2008)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
- [Stabroek News](#)

### **Bunche, Ph.D. Ralph J. (1904-1971) First African American Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950**

#### Overseas and Domestic Diplomatic Service

- [Chief mediator of the 1948 Arab-Israeli Conflict](#)
- Principal figure in the planning of the United Nations and the 1948 UN Declaration of Human Rights
- [Principal mediator of the 1956 Suez Canal Crisis](#)

#### Media Resources

- [National Museum of American Diplomacy program, African American Trailblazers in Diplomacy](#)
- [American Diplomat Podcast: Dr. Ralph J. Bunche](#)

#### Secondary Sources

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- Henry, Charles P., ed. *Ralph Bunche: Selected Speeches and Writings*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1995
- [Papers of Ralph Bunche, University Research Libraries, Department of Special Collections, UCLA](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

#### **Burroughs, John-First State Department’s African American Passport Examiner**

##### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- South Africa
- U.S. Ambassador to Malawi (1981-1984)
- U.S. Ambassador to Uganda (1988-1991)

##### Additional Online Resources



National Museum  
of American Diplomacy

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
- [“John A. Burroughs – From Tackling with the Philadelphia Eagles to Tackling Equal Opportunity at the State Department,” The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Online](#)

**Bush, Sr., Dwight L.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco (2014-2017)

Media Resources

- [C-SPAN](#)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

**Carrington, Walter C.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Senegal (1980-1981)
- U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria (1993-1997)

Secondary Sources

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- Walter C. Carrington, *A Duty to Speak: Refusing to Remain Silent in a Time of Tyranny* (Nigerian Law Publications, 2010).

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Media Resources

- [Africa Policy Journal Interview](#)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

**Carson, Beatrice W.-Appointed as FS clerk in 1948 to Liberia**

Secondary Sources:

- “5 Get Foreign Service Jobs Hiking Total to 34,” *Baltimore Afro-American* (28 Feb. 1948):18.

**Carson, Johnnie**



#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Nigeria, Mozambique, Portugal, Botswana
- U.S. Ambassador to Uganda (1991-1994)
- U.S. Ambassador to Zimbabwe (1995-1997)
- U.S. Ambassador to Kenya (1999-2003)

#### Media Resources

- [Film/Video “40 Years of Dedication to Africa”- Library of Congress](#)

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- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
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#### **Carter, Chester C.- Deputy Chief of Protocol, 1964**

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- “Carter Given High State Dept. Post,” *Baltimore Afro-American* (9 May 1964): 1, 2.

#### **Carter, James G. Consular Service pre-Rogers; appointed to FS in 1924**

##### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Madagascar, France

#### **Carter, W. Beverly**

##### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Kenya, Nigeria
- U.S. Ambassador to Tanzania (1972)
- U.S. Ambassador to Liberia (1976)
- Appointed Ambassador-at-Large (1979)

##### Primary Sources

- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History](#)
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- [Indiana University Images](#)
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##### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)



National Museum  
*of American Diplomacy*

- [National Museum of African American History and Culture, Ambassador Flag](#)

**Clarke, Sr., William D.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Japan, France, Germany, Ivory Coast, Egypt, Panama
- U.S. Ambassador to Eritrea (1998-2001)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

**Cook, Will Mercer**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Niger (1961-1964)
- Special Envoy to Senegal and Gambia (1964-1966)

Primary Sources

- [Papers of Mercer Cook, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University](#)
- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History](#)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

**Cooper, Jerome G.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica (1994-1997)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

**Danies, Joel**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Gabon (2018-2019)
- U.S. Ambassador to Sao Tome and Principe (2018-2019)

**Dandridge II, James T.L.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service



#### Media Resources

- [NMAD- African American Trailblazers in Diplomacy](#)

#### Secondary Sources

- [James Dandridge's research on Dr. Bunche, \*Foreign Service Journal\*](#)

#### Primary Sources

#### Additional Online Resources

### **Davis, Griffith J.-Senior Foreign Service Officer and Acclaimed Photographer**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

#### Media Resources

- [University of Central Florida Podcast: Dorothy Davis, "Lift Every Voice and Sing"](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- ["How My Dad Captured This Famous Photo of Martin Luther King Jr. \*Tampa Bay Times\*](#)
- [Photographs and Archive](#)
- ["A Life in Photography," \*ShareAmerica\*](#)

### **Davis, John Warren. Director of the Technical Cooperation Program in Liberia (1952-1955), appointed by President Truman; delegate to UNESCO**

#### Primary Sources

- [Papers of John W. Davis, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University](#)

### **Davis, Ruth A.-First Female African American Career Ambassador of the Senior Foreign Service**

#### Overseas Diplomatic and Domestic Service

- Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zaire, Kenya, Japan, Italy, Spain
- U.S. Ambassador to Benin (1992-1995)
- First African American Woman Appointed as Director General of the Foreign Service
- First African American Career Ambassador of the Senior Foreign Service

#### Media Resources

- [NMAD- African American Trailblazers in Diplomacy](#)
- ["Rise Like a Phoenix," American Foreign Service Association Remarks \(2016\)](#)

#### Additional Online Resources



National Museum  
of American Diplomacy

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [“A Foreign Service Trailblazer.” \*American Foreign Service Association\* \(Sept. 2016\)](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

**Dawson, Horace G.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Uganda, Nigeria, USIA Director Liberia (later all Africa), Philippines
- U.S. Ambassador to Botswana (1979-1982)

Primary Sources:

- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History](#)
- [Georgetown University Archival Resources Interview Manuscript](#)

Media Resources

- [THE JOURNEY: “Ambassador Horace Dawson--Changing the Foreign Service” WHUR](#)

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- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

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Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Minister to Haiti and Charge d’Affaires Dominican Republic (1889-1891)

Media Resources

- [NMAD- The First African American Diplomats](#)

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- Merlin Pitre, “Frederick Douglass and American Diplomacy in the Caribbean,” *Journal of Black Studies*: Vol. 13, No. 4 (Jun., 1983): 457-475.
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- Douglass, Frederick, “Haiti and the United States. Inside History of the Negotiations for the Mole St. Nicolas,” *The North American Review*, Vol. 153, No. 418 (Sept., 1891), 337-345.

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### **Dudley, Edward (1911-2005)-First African American Appointed Ambassador Rank**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Minister to Liberia (1948-1949)
- U.S. Ambassador to Liberia (1949-1953)

#### Media Resources:

- [National Museum of American Diplomacy](#)
- [NMAD Artifact Collection Highlights](#)
- [African American Trailblazers in Diplomacy](#)
- [Racial Justice and Foreign Relations at the State Department](#)
- [Collection Highlights- NMAD](#)

#### Secondary Sources

- Krenn, Michael L. “Edward R. Dudley.” In *Notable U.S. Ambassadors Since 1775: A Biographical Dictionary*, ed. Cathal J. Nolan. (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1997):88-93.

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- [Papers of Edward R. Dudley, Amistad Research Century, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA](#)

#### Additional Online Resources





National Museum  
*of American Diplomacy*

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

**Elam-Thomas, Harriet L.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Greece, United Nations, France, Senegal, Mali, Ivory Coast, Turkey, Belgium
- U.S. Ambassador to Senegal (2003-2005)

Primary Sources

- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Biography](#)
- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History \(2006/2017\)](#)

Media Resources

- [PBS Global Perspectives 2018](#)
- [Paul Simon Public Policy Institute 2019](#)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

**Estrada, John**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago (2016-2017)

Additional Online Resources

- [Military.com](#)
- [U.S. Department of State Archive](#)

**Evans, Melvin H.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago (1982-1984)

[Congressional Career](#)

Additional Online Sources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
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**Ferguson, Jr., Clarence Clyde**

Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Uganda (1970-1972)



### Primary Sources

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### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### **Fox Jr., Richard K.**

#### Overseas Diplomatic and Highlighted Domestic Service

- Spain
- U.S. Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago (1977-1981)
- Senior Deputy Inspector General of the U.S. Department of State

#### Primary Sources

- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### **Frazier, Jendayi E.**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service:

- U.S. Ambassador to South Africa 2004-2005

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### **Garnet, Henry Highland** 1st African American to speak at the Capitol Building

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Minister to Liberia (1881-1882)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [BlackPast](#)

#### Primary source:

- [Garnet's speech to Congress](#)

#### Secondary source:

- Schor, Joel. *Henry Highland Garnet: A Voice of Black Radicalism in the Nineteenth Century: His Anti-slavery and Civil Rights Role to 1865*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1977.

### **Gadsen, James Irving**



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### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Taiwan, Hungary, US Mission to the EU, France
- U.S. Ambassador to Iceland (2002-2005)

### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. State Department Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
- [Academy of Diplomacy](#)

### **Gaspard, Patrick**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to South Africa (2013-2016)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [BlackPast](#)
- [Senate Testimony](#)

### **George, John -Appointed to administrative position in Liberia as FS in 1948; brother of William George**

#### Secondary Sources:

- “5 Get Foreign Service Jobs Hiking Total to 34,” *Baltimore Afro-American* (28 Feb. 1948):18.

### **Garrett, Joyce Finley-First African American Woman to Join the U.S. Foreign Service (1962)**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Venezuela (1962-1963)

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### **George, William**

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#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- India (appointed 1898), Russia (1898-1905)

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National Museum  
of American Diplomacy

- [BlackPast](#)
- [Richard T. Greener Memorial](#)
- [Harvard Biography](#)

**Haley, George Williford Boyce: One of the first African-Americans elected to the Kansas Senate, brother of Alex Haley, author of Roots**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Gambia (1998-2001)

Additional Online Resources

- [BlackPast](#)
- [Afro-American Article](#)
- [State Department Office of the Historian](#)

Media Sources

- [History Makers Oral History](#)

**Haney, Stafford**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica (2015-2017)

Media Resources

- [C-SPAN](#)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)

**Hanson, Charles-Joined Foreign Service in 1948, served in Liberia under Ambassador Dudley; one of the first to break through “the Negro Circuit,” a phrase used to describe when Black officers were sent only to African nations in the first half of the 20th century**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Liberia
- Switzerland

**Harris, Patricia Roberts-First African American Woman Appointed as U.S. Ambassador**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg (1965-1967)

Media Resources



National Museum  
*of American Diplomacy*

- [NMAD- African American Trailblazers in Diplomacy](#)
- [NMAD- African American History Month](#)

Primary Sources

- [Oral History, Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library](#)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
- [National Museum of African American History and Culture Blog Post](#)

**Haynes, Jr., Ulric St. Claire- Assisted in Negotiating the Release of the Americans Held Hostage in Iran**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Algeria (1977-1981)

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Additional Online Resources

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- [BlackPast](#)

**Hicks, John F.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Ethiopia, Liberia, Malawi, Zambia
- U.S. Ambassador to Eritrea (1996-1997)

Additional Online Sources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

**Hicks, Sr., Irvin**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Gabon, Mali, Central African Republic, East Germany, Togo
- U.S. Ambassador to Seychelles (1985-1987)
- Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the Security Council in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador (1992-1993)
- U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia (1994-1996)



#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
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#### Hogan, Dereck

##### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Moldova (2018-Present as of 2021)

##### Media Resources

- [Virtual Q&A with Ambassador Dereck Hogan, 2020](#)

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- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
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#### Holland, Ph.D., Jerome H.

##### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Sweden (1970-1972)

##### Primary Sources

- [Library of Congress](#)
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##### Additional Online Resources

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- [BlackPast](#)

#### Hopkins, Moses A.

##### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Minister to Liberia (1885-1886)

##### Secondary Sources

- [Washington Post](#)--Hopkins name was added to the State Department’s memorial plaque in May 2021

##### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [NCPedia](#)
- [NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources](#)



**Hunt, William H.-Consular Service pre-1924; appointed to the Foreign Service in 1924**

Diplomatic Service (1897-1927)--serving as Vice Consul and U.S. Consul

- Madagascar, France, Guadeloupe-West Indies, Azores, Liberia

Media Resources

- [NPR Audio Story](#)

Secondary Sources

- Adele Logan Alexander, *Parallel Worlds: The Remarkable Gibbs-Hunts and the Enduring (In)significance of Melanin* (Charlottesville, VA: UVA Press, 2012)

Primary Sources

- [William Henry Hunt Papers Howard University](#)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

**Holloway, Anne F.-Worked extensively with Ambassador Young/United Nations**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Mali (1979-1981)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
- [Meridian Blog](#)

**Hubert, Giles One of the first African American Foreign Service Officers**

Primary Sources

- [Papers of Giles Hubert, Amistad Research Center, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA](#)

**Huggins, Joseph**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Soviet Union, Kenya, Guinea, Togo, and Jordan
- U.S. Ambassador to Botswana (2002-2005)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)



### **James, Charles A.**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Ghana, Uganda, Thailand, Vietnam, Pakistan
- U.S. Ambassador to Niger (1976-1979)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

#### Primary Sources

- [Image at the University of California](#)

### **James, Malika**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Jamaica, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, South Sudan
- U.S. Ambassador to Swaziland (2012-2016)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
- [Women's Health](#)
- [U.S. House of Representatives Biography](#)
- [Ambassador's Visit to Eritrea](#)

#### Primary Source

- [Washington Post Letter to Editor](#)

### **Jeter, Howard E.**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Tanzania, Lesotho, Namibia, Mozambique
- U.S. Ambassador to Botswana (1993-1996)
- U.S. Special Envoy to Liberia (1996-1997)
- Ambassador to Nigeria (2001-2003)

#### Primary Sources

- [University of South Carolina Oral History](#)
- [U.S. Department of State, Ambassador Howard Jeter, Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, Testimony Before the House International Relations Committee, "Nigeria: On the Democracy Path?," Subcommittee on Africa, August 3, 1999, Washington, DC](#)

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### **Johnson, Gregory Lee**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Consul-General Osaka-Kobe, Japan (1989-1992)
- U.S. Ambassador to Swaziland (2000-2001)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### **Jones, John M.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Honduras, Burkina Faso, Belgium, Thailand, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica
- Special Advisor for the Office of the Coordinator for Stabilization and Reconstruction, Iraq; Provincial Reconstruction Team Leader, Diyala Province, Iraq
- U.S. Ambassador to Guyana (2008-2010)

Primary Sources

- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History](#)
- [Statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at Ambassadorial Nomination](#)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### **Jones, William B.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- France
- U.S. Ambassador to Haiti (1977-1980)

Primary Sources:

- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Foreign Affairs Oral History Project](#)
- [LA Times Article](#)
- [U.S. and Haitian Trade Relations](#)
- [U.S. and Haitian Textile Trades](#)

Additional Online Resources

- [BlackPast](#)



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of American Diplomacy

- [American Presidency Project Biography](#)

**Jones, Richard L.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Liberia (1955-1959)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
- [Chicago Dedicates Park](#)

**Jordan, Mosina H.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Belize, Barbados, Jamaica
- U.S. Ambassador to the Central African Republic (1995-1997)

Primary Sources

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Additional Online Resources

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**Joseph, James A.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to South Africa (1995-1999)

Additional Online Resources

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- [“U.S. Ambassador James A. Joseph on His Lifelong Fight for Equality.” \*Sarasota Magazine\*, 3 September 2020.](#)

**Keith, Kenton Wesley**

Domestic and Overseas Diplomatic Service

- (USIA) Lebanon, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Morocco, Syria
- 1977 transfer to State Department, served as FSO: Brazil, France, Egypt
- U.S. Ambassador to Qatar (1992)
- USIA Director (1995-1997)
- Special Envoy to Islamabad, Pakistan (2001)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)



- [BlackPast](#)

**Knox, Ph.D., Clinton E.-Former OSS Officer, Joined Foreign Service in 1954, First African American Secretary to U.S. Mission NATO**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Honduras, France; U.S. Mission NATO
- U.S. Ambassador to West African Republic of Dahomey (1964-1969) [now Benin]
- U.S. Ambassador to Haiti (1969-1973)

Secondary Sources

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Additional Online Resources

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- [BlackPast](#)
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**Lanier, Raphael O'Hara**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Liberia (1946-1948)

Additional Online Resources:

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)

**Langston, John Mercer: 1st Dean at Howard University Law School, 1st president of Virginia State University, 1st Virginia Representative of Color to Congress**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Minister to Haiti
- Chargé d'Affaires to the Dominican Republic

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- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
- [Oberlin Biography](#)
- [Virginia Encyclopedia](#) (includes pictures from Mercer's life)
- [History, Art, and Archives of the U.S. House of Representatives](#)

**Le Melle, Ph.D., Wilbert J.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Kenya and the Seychelles (1977-1980)

Primary Sources

- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training](#)

Additional Online Resources

- [BlackPast](#)

**Lenhardt, Alfonso E.: First African American to serve as an officer of the Congress**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Tanzania (2009-2013)

Media Sources

- [USAID Blog](#) (Picture of Lenhardt)

Additional Online Resources

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- [BlackPast](#)

**Lewis, Arthur W.: Cousin to Colin Powell**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Romania, Zambia, Ethiopia, Nigeria



National Museum  
*of American Diplomacy*

- U.S. Ambassador to Sierra Leone (1983-1986)

Primary Sources

- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History](#)

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- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
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**Lewis, Sr., Delano Eugene**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to South Africa (1999-2001)

Primary Sources

- [Congressional Nomination](#)
- [Personal Papers of Delano E. Lewis](#)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. State Department Biography](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
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**Liedesdorff, William (1810-1848)**

Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Vice Consul to Mexico, Yerba Buena [later San Francisco] (1845-?)

Primary Sources

- [California Historical Society Finding Aid](#)

**Locker, Jesse D.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Liberia (1953-1955)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

**Mathieu, Gail Denise**

Overseas Diplomatic Service



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- Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, France, Trinidad and Tobago, Dominican Republic, Ghana
- U.S. Ambassador to Niger (2002-2005)
- U.S. Ambassador to Namibia (2007-2010)

### Media Resources

- [Ambassador visits Reservists in Niger](#)

### Additional Online Resources

- [BlackPast](#)
- [U.S. State Department Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackFacts](#)

## McGann, C. Steven

### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Taiwan, Zaire, South Africa, Australia, Kenya
- U.S. Mission to the UN member (1998-2000)
- U.S. Ambassador to Jiji, Kiribati, Tonga, Nauru, Tuvalu (2008-2011)
- Temporary Charge d'Affaires to Timor-Leste (2014)

### Additional Online Resources

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- [BlackPast](#)
- [National Bureau of Asian Research Interview](#)

## McGee, James David

### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Nigeria, Pakistan, The Hague, India, Jamaica, Côte d'Ivoire
- U.S. Ambassador to Swaziland (2002-2004)
- U.S. Ambassador to Madagascar (2004-2007)
- U.S. Ambassador to Comoros Islands (2006-Appointed did not serve)
- U.S. Ambassador to Zimbabwe (2007-2009)

### Media Resources

- ["Taking Leadership Overseas"](#)

### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

## McHenry, Donald

### Domestic and Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Department of State Office of Dependent Area Affairs (1963-1971)



## National Museum of American Diplomacy

- Deputy Representative to the United Nations Security Council (1977-1979)
- U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations with Rank of Ambassador (1979-1981)
- Special Envoy to Nigeria (1994-1996)

### Media Resources

- [“Understanding Our New World Series,” with Ambassador McHenry, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute](#)

### Primary Sources

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### Additional Online Resources

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- [BlackPast](#)

## McKune, Elizabeth

### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Oman, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Tunisia, Iraq, Great Britain
- U.S. Ambassador to Qatar (1998-2001)

### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

## Moseley-Braun, Carol-First African American Woman U.S. Senator

### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa (1998-2001)

### Other Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

## Moose, George E.-First African American to Hold Post of Assistant Secretary for African Affairs (1993-1997)

### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Vietnam, Barbados
- U.S. Ambassador to Benin (1983-1986)
- U.S. Ambassador to Senegal (1988-1991)
- Representative of the U.S. to the European Office of the UN (1997-2001)

### Media Resources



National Museum  
of American Diplomacy

- [NPR Interview “Ghosts of Rwanda”](#)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

**Morrow, John H.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Guinea (1959-1961)
- Alternate U.S. Delegate to the United Nations (1961)
- Minister, U.S. Permanent Representative to UNESCO (1961-1963)

Secondary Sources

- Morrow, John H. *First American Ambassador to Guinea*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1968.

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**Mushingi, Tuli**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Malaysia, Mozambique, Zambia, Morocco, Tanzania, Ethiopia
- U.S. Ambassador to Burkina Faso (2013-2016)
- U.S. Ambassador to Senegal and U.S. Ambassador to Guinea-Bissau (2017-)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. State Department Office of the Historian](#)
- [U.S. Embassy of Senegal](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

**Myrick, Bismark**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- South Africa, Somalia
- U.S. Ambassador to Lesotho (1995–1998)
- U.S. Ambassador to Liberia (1999–2002)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [National Defense University](#)





- [BlackPast](#)
- [VA Biography](#)

### **Nelson, Charles J.**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Botswana, Lesotho, and Swaziland (1971-1974)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History](#)

### **Nesbitt, Wanda L.**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Haiti, France, Rwanda, Tanzania
- U.S. Ambassador to Madagascar (2001-2004)
- U.S. Ambassador to Cote d'Ivoire (2007-2010)
- U.S. Ambassador to Namibia (2010-2013)

#### Primary Resources

- [Ambassador Nesbitt's Statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Her Nomination as Ambassador to Namibia \(2010\)](#)
- [Image](#)

#### Media Resources

- [Interview with \*The Politic\* \(2013\)](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### **Nichols, Brian A.**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Peru, El Salvador, Mexico, Indonesia, Colombia
- U.S. Ambassador to Peru (2014-2017)
- U.S. Ambassador to Zimbabwe (2018-[Feb 2021 nominee for Assistant Secretary of Western Hemisphere Affairs])

#### Media Resources

- ["In Conversation with Trevor" interview on Zimbabwe policy \(2019\)](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)



### Nix-Hines, Crystal

#### Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to the UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (2014-2017)

#### Additional Online Resources

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### O.Neal, Adrienne S.

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Italy, Argentina, Mozambique, Brazil, Portugal
- U.S. Ambassador to Cabo Verde (2011-2015)

#### Primary Resources

- [Image](#)
- [2011 Statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Ambassadorial Nomination to Cabo Verde](#)

#### Media Resources

- [2013 Interview with \*The Politic\*](#)
- [2018 Africa Policy Journal Interview](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

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- [BlackPast](#)

### Page, Susan

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Rwanda, Kenya, Botswana, work with the United Nations overseas
- First U.S. Ambassador to South Sudan (2011-2014)

#### Media Resources

- [2020 Notre Dame Interview](#)
- [2013 Interview with \*The Politic\*](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### Palmer, Ph.D., Larry

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service



## National Museum of American Diplomacy

- Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Paraguay, Sierra Leone, Korea, Ecuador
- U.S. Ambassador to Honduras (2002-2005)
- U.S. Ambassador to Concurrent Appointments: Antigua, Barbuda, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Kitts, Nevis, Dominica, Grenada, Barbados (2012-2016)
- Appointed U.S. Ambassador to Venezuela (2010-never served; then-President Hugo Chavez refused to allow Ambassador Palmer to take post)

### Primary Resources

- [2012 Statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee](#)

### Media Resources

- [2013 Interview with \*The Politic\*](#)

### Additional Online Resources

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- [BlackPast](#)

## Palmer, Ronald D.

### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Indonesia, Malaysia, Denmark
- U.S. Ambassador to Togo (1976-1978)
- U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia (1981-1983)
- U.S. Ambassador to Mauritius (1986-1989)

### Primary Sources

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### Additional Online Resources

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## Parker, Maurice S.

### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Guyana, Spain, Mexico, Scotland, Nigeria
- U.S. Ambassador to Swaziland (2007-2009)

### Additional Online Resources

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## Perkins, Edward J.



### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Thailand, Ghana, Liberia
- U.S. Ambassador to Liberia (1985-1986)
- U.S. Ambassador to South Africa (1986-1989)
- Director General of the Foreign Service (domestic assignment, 1989-1992)
- U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations (1992-1993)
- U.S. Ambassador to Australia (1993-1996)

### Media Resources

- [National Museum of American Diplomacy Program; the Legacy of Ambassador Edward J. Perkins: Reflections on Families in the Diplomatic Service](#)
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### Additional Online Resources

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- [BlackPast](#)

### Perry, Robert C.

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Vietnam, Mauritius, Bolivia, Mexico, Ethiopia, Chile
- U.S. Ambassador to Central African Republic (1998-2001)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### Perry, June Carter

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Madagascar, Central African Republic, Zambia, Zimbabwe, France



## National Museum of American Diplomacy

- U.S. Ambassador to Lesotho (2004-2007)
- U.S. Ambassador to Sierra Leone (2007-2009)

### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
- [Africare](#)
- [Encyclopedia of Arkansas](#)
- [Mt. Holyoke College Biography](#)

### **Reinhardt, John E.**

#### Overseas and Domestic Diplomatic Service

- Japan, Philippines, Iran
- Asst. Director of United States Information Agency Africa and Far East (1966-1971)
- U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria (1971-1975)
- Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Public Affairs (1975-1977)
- Director of the United States Information Agency (1977-1980)

#### Primary Sources

- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History](#)
- [John E. Reinhardt Papers, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library, Ann Arbor, MI](#)
- [Image](#)
- [General from WorldCat](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
- [John Kirby, "Remembering John Reinhardt: A Pioneer in Public Diplomacy"](#)

### **Perry, Cynthia Shepard**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Sierra Leone, Ghana, Nigeria, and Liberia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Zambia
- U.S. Ambassador to Sierra Leone (1986-1989)
- U.S. Ambassador to Burundi. (1989-1993)

#### Primary Sources

- Perry, Cynthia Shepard. *All Things Being Equal: One Woman's Journey*. Houston, TX: Stonecrest International Publishers, 1998.
- [Shepard Personal Papers](#)



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- [UMASS People Profiles](#)

Secondary Sources

- [Ambassador Dr. Cynthia Shepard Perry: A Sycamore Destined for Greatness](#)

Additional Online Resources

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- [BlackPast](#)

**Pierce, Roger D.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Mexico, Chile, India, Turkey, Netherlands, Egypt, Honduras
- U.S. Ambassador to Cape Verde (2005-2007)

Primary Sources

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Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

**Powell, Colin L.-First African American Secretary of State**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Secretary of State (2001-2005)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

**Ragsdale, Marguerita**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Kuwait, Somalia
- U.S. Ambassador to Djibouti (2004-2006)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
- [Virginia Interscholastic Association](#)
- [Black Facts](#)

**Ray, Charles Aaron**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- China, Thailand, Sierra Leone, Vietnam



## National Museum of American Diplomacy

- U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia (2002-2005)
- U.S. Ambassador to Zimbabwe (2009-2012)

### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### Reddick, Eunice

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Zimbabwe, Tanzania, China, Taiwan
- U.S. Ambassador to Gabon and São Tomé and Príncipe (2008-2010)
- U.S. Ambassador to Niger (2014-2017)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
- [U.S. State Department Blog: Appointment to Niger](#)

### Reed, Frankie A.

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Kenya, Cameroon, Senegal, Guinea
- U.S. ambassador to Kiribati, Tuvalu, Fiji, Nauru, Tonga (2011-2015)

#### Primary Sources

- [Interview with Ambassador Reed](#)

#### Media Sources

- [Picture of Ambassador Reed](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. State Department Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### Reed-Rowe, Helen

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Ecuador, Jamaica, Niger, Republic of the Marshall Islands
- U.S. Ambassador to Palau (2010)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)



### Render, Arlene

#### Overseas and Selected Domestic Diplomatic Service

- Ivory Coast, Iran, Italy, Zaire, Jamaica, Ghana
- U.S. Ambassador to Gambia (1990-1993)
- Director of the Office of Central African Affairs during the Rwandan Genocide in 1994
- U.S. Ambassador to Zambia (1996-1999)
- U.S. Ambassador to Cote d'Ivoire (2001-2004)

#### Media Resources:

- [C-SPAN](#)

#### Primary Sources

- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### Rhodes, J. Steven

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Zimbabwe (1989-1990)

#### Additional Online Resources

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- [BlackPast](#)

### Rossell, Idris.

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Worked with Department of State on EEO issues

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### Additional Online Resources:

- [Stanford Global Studies Division, Bio](#)
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## [Rice, Ph.D., Susan](#)

### Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

### Primary Sources

- Rice Susan. “Tough Love: My Story of the Things Worth Fighting For.” (New York, NY. Simon and Schuster Publishing. 2019).
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### Media Resources

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- [Politics and Prose Segment- “Tough Love” with Madeleine Albright](#)

### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

## [Robinson, Todd D.](#)

### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Albania, Bolivia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Italy, Spain
- U.S. Ambassador to Guatemala (2014-2017)

### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

## [Rowan, Carl](#)



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### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Finland (1963-1964)
- African American Director to U.S. Information Agency (1964-1965)

### Media Resources

- [C-SPAN](#)

### Secondary Sources

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- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

## **Sampson, Edith**

### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- First African American named to the United States Delegation to the United Nations (1950)

### Primary Sources

- [Papers of Edith Spurlock Sampson, 1927-1979, Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe Institute, Cambridge, MA.](#)
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### Additional Online Resources

- [NMAD- African American History Month](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

## **Segars, Joseph M.**

### Diplomatic Overseas Service

- Liberia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania
- U.S. Ambassador to Cape Verde (1992-1996)

### Primary Sources

- [Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training, oral history](#)



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*of American Diplomacy*

- [Historymakers.org](http://Historymakers.org)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

[Sharpless, Mattie R.](#)

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to the Central African Republic (2001-2003)

Primary Sources

- [Oral History, The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training](#)

Media Resources

- [Photos from the Mattie R. Sharpless Highway Dedication Ceremony](#)

Additional Online Resources

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- [BlackPast](#)

[Skinner, Elliott](#)

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Upper Volta (1966)

Primary Sources

- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History](#)
- [Papers of Elliott Skinner, Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library](#)

Secondary Sources

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- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

[Smith, Gentry O.](#)

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Japan, Burma, Egypt
- Director of the Office of Foreign Missions (2015-2017)

Media Resources

- [C-SPAN](#)



#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)

#### Smythe, Hugh

##### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- First African American ambassador named to a Middle Eastern nation, Syria (1965-1967)
- U.S. Ambassador to Malta (1967-1969)

##### Primary Sources

- [Papers of Hugh H. Smythe and Mabel M. Smythe, Library of Congress Manuscripts Division](#)
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- Smythe, Hugh and Mabel Smythe. Report from Japan: Comments on the Race Question." *The Crisis* 59:3 (March 1952):159-164.

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##### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

#### Smythe-Haith, Mabel M.

##### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea; Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs

##### Media Resources:

- [NMAD: Trailblazers, The Legacy of African American Diplomats](#)

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- Krenn, Michael L. "Hugh Heyne Smythe and Mabel Murphy Smythe-Haith." In *Notable U.S. Ambassadors Since 1775: A Biographical Dictionary*, ed. Cathal J. Nolan. (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1997) :319-324.
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- [Mabel Smythe-Haith Papers, University of Alabama Libraries Special Collections](#)

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- [BlackPast](#)

### **Snowden, Frank M.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

UNESCO, cultural attache to Rome

### Primary Sources

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### Additional Online Resources

- [BlackPast](#)

### **Spearman, Leonard O.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Rwanda (1988-1990)
- U.S. Ambassador to Lesotho (1991-1993)

### Primary Sources

- [Letter from Leonard O. Spearman to William P. Clements Jr., 1987](#)

### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### **Spratlen, Pamela**

Overseas Diplomatic Service



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- France, Guatemala, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Russia
- U.S. Ambassador to Uzbekistan

### Primary Sources

- [Council of American Ambassadors Article](#)
- [The Yale Politic Interview](#)
- [Voice of America, 2017](#)

### Media Resources

- [Media Interviews](#)

### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### [Stanfield, Sylvia Gaye](#)

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- China, New Zealand, Taiwan
- U.S. Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam (1999-2002)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
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### [Stith, Charles R.](#)

#### Overseas Diplomatic Services

- U.S. Ambassador to Tanzania (1998-2001)

#### Primary Sources

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- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)



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### **Stokes, Carl B.**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Seychelles (1994-1995)

#### Secondary Sources

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#### Media Resources

- [Cleveland.com: Carl B Stokes, Cleveland's First Black Mayor](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
- [Ohio History Central](#)

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### **Taylor, Teddy B.**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Hungary, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu
- U.S. Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu (2009-2012)

#### Secondary Sources

- Benedict, Claus Matthias, *Teddy B Taylor: United States Ambassador to Papua New Guinea*, Foreign Service Institute. (Phon Publishing, 2011).

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### **Thomas, Gerald E.**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Guyana (1981-1983)
- U.S. Ambassador to Kenya (1983-1986)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)



### Thomas, Jr. Harry K.

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh (2002-2005)
- U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines (2010-2013)
- U.S. Ambassador to Zimbabwe (2015-2018)

#### Media Sources

- [Johns Hopkins University](#)

#### Additional online sources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### Thomas-Greenfield, Linda

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Jamaica, Nigeria, Gambia, Kenya, Pakistan, Switzerland, Rwanda
- U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations (2021-)
- U.S. Ambassador to Liberia (2008-2012)

#### Media Resources

- [Linda Thomas-Greenfield sworn in as U.S. Ambassador to the UN, 2021](#)
- [Linda Thomas-Greenfield presents credentials to the UN, 2021](#)
- [C-SPAN, Linda Thomas-Greenfield](#)
- Additional Online Resources
- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [APress article confirming Linda Thomas-Greenfield as UN Ambassador, 2021](#)
- [Ted Talk, 2018](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

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### Thompson, John E.W.

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Minister to Haiti (1885-1889)
- Charge d’Affairs to Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic) (1885-1889)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
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### **Todman, Terence**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Chad (1969-1972)
- U.S. Ambassador to Guinea (1972-1975)
- U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica (1975-1977)
- Assistant Secretary of Western Hemisphere Affairs (1977-1978)
- U.S. Ambassador to Spain (1978-1983)
- U.S. Ambassador to Denmark (1983-1989)
- U.S. Ambassador to Argentina (1989-1993)

#### Primary Sources

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#### Secondary Sources:

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#### Primary Sources:

- [Oral History- Library of Congress, 1995](#)

#### Additional Media Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
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### **Turner, J. Milton**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Liberia, (1871-1878)

#### Secondary Sources

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- "Liberian Politics: The Portrait by African American Diplomat J. Milton Turner." *International Journal of African Historical Studies*. Boston University, African Studies Center, 2005.

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- [BlackPast](#)

### **Walker, Howard K.**

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service



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- Jordan, Dar Es Salaam, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania,
- U.S. Ambassador to Togo (1982-1984)

### Primary Sources

- [Library of Congress Interview with Ambassador Howard K. Walker, 2001](#)

### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

## **Walton, Lester A.**

### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Minister to Liberia (1935-1946)

### Primary Sources

- [The New York Public Library Lester Walton Papers, 1905-1977](#)

### Secondary Sources

- Curtis, Susan. *Colored Memories: A Biographer's Quest for the Elusive Lester A. Walton*. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2008.
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### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

## **Washington, Ruth**

### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Gambia (Appointed, awaiting confirmation 1989; Died at Greenburgh, New York, on January 20, 1990, before going to post)

### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

## **Watson, Barbara M.**

### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia (1980-1981)

### Primary Sources



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- [Papers of Barbara Watson, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, NYC](#)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

**Watson, Diane E.**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Micronesia (1998-2001)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [C-SPAN.org](#)
- [International Black Women's Public Policy Institute](#)
- [Thehistorymakers.org](#)
- [National Park Service: Civil Rights Walk of Fame](#)
- [U.S. House of Representatives](#)

**Wells, Barry L.** -First African American Career Civil Service Appointed to Ambassador Rank

Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Gambia (2007)

Additional Online Resources

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**Welters, Beatrice**

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago (2010-2012)

Additional Online Resources

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- [NYC Health and Hospitals: Beatrice Welters Breast Outreach and Navigation Program](#)
- [Trinidad and Tobago Guardian Interview, 2012](#)
- [U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Statement](#)



### Westerfield, Samuel Z.

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Liberia (1969-1972)

Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### Wharton, Clifton R.

1st African American to join Foreign Service

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Canary Islands, France, Liberia, Madagascar, Portugal, Romania
- Ambassador to Norway (1961-1964)

Media Resources

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Additional Online Resources

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- [The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training](#)
- [The National Museum of American Diplomacy](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### Wilkinson, Sharon P.

Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Brazil, Ghana, Mexico, Portugal
- U.S. Ambassador to Burkina Faso (1996-1999)
- U.S. Ambassador to Mozambique (2000-2003)

Additional Online Resources

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### Williams, Bisa

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Cape Verde, Guinea, Panama, Liberia, Sierra Leone
- U.S. Ambassador to Niger (2010-2013)

#### Media Resources

- [Voice Of America Interview, 2019](#)
- [World to Africa: US-Africa Seminar Remarks, 2014](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### Williams, Franklin H.

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to Ghana (1966-1968)

#### Primary Sources

- [The New York Public Library, Franklin H. Williams Papers](#)
- [Papers of Franklin H. Williams, Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library](#)

#### Media Resources

- [NYCourts Franklin H. Williams Documentary](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)
- [Fordham University Bio](#)
- [NYCourts.gov Bio](#)

### Williams, Sidney

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to the Bahamas (1994-1998)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
- [BlackPast](#)

### Wills, Mary Jo



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### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Italy
- U.S. Ambassador to Seychelles and Mauritius (2009-2011)

### Additional Online Resources

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- [BlackPast](#)

### [Withers, John L.](#)

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Lagos, Latvia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Russia
- U.S. Ambassador to Albania (2007-2010)

#### Secondary Sources:

- Withers, John L., *Balm in Gilead: A Story from the War*, (Morrisville, NC: Lulu Press, 2020).

#### Additional Online Resources

- [Department of State Office of the Historian](#)
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- Illyria: [Albanian-American Newspaper Interview, 201](#)

### [Wood, Robert A.](#)

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Austria, Germany, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa
- U.S. Permanent Representative to Conference on Disarmament (2014 to Present)
- U.S. Special Representative for Biological and Toxic Weapons Convention (2014 to Present)

#### Media Resources

- [Press Conference, 2018](#)

#### Additional Online Resources

- [BlackPast](#)

### [Wilbur I. Wright](#)

- [The Association For Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral Interview](#)

### [Yerby, William J.](#)

#### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Consular Service. Appointed to FS in 1924.



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- Sierra Leone

### Primary Sources

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- [BlackPast: African Americans Abroad](#)
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## Young, Johnny

### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- Madagascar, Guinea, Kenya, Qatar, Barbados, Jordan, Netherlands, Sierra Leone, Bahrain
- U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia 2001-2004

### Secondary Sources

- Johnny Young, *From the Projects to the Palace: A Diplomat's Unlikely Journey from the Bottom to the Top* (Bloomington, IN: Xlibris Corporation, 2013).

### Primary Sources

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- [BlackPast](#)
- [Testimony on Pope Benedict XVI](#)
- [The American Academy of Diplomacy](#)
- [University of Notre Dame](#)

## Yohannes, Daniel

### Overseas Diplomatic Service

- U.S. Ambassador to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) (Paris, France 2014-2017)

### Additional Online Resources

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