



The American Academy of Diplomacy

Strengthening American Diplomacy

Who We Are: Dedicated to strengthening American diplomacy, the American Academy of Diplomacy (AAD) is a prestigious, independent, non-profit association of former ambassadors and senior level diplomats. AAD represents a unique wealth of talent and experience in the practice of American foreign policy.

What We Do: The Academy achieves its mission by:

- Hosting educational public outreach programs to expand public knowledge of the critical role of diplomacy in foreign policy;
- Granting educational fellowships for rising scholars in the field of diplomacy;
- Recognizing outstanding contributions to American diplomacy at an annual ceremony at the US Department of State, and;
- Publishing books and in-depth reports with concrete recommendations on how to improve America's diplomatic engagement with the world.

Overview of the Academy's Programs:

Diplomatic Professional Education & Training Project

As a follow on to the FAB report, the Academy is working with the U.S. State Department and bipartisan Congressional support to design a first-ever strategy for professional education and training.

Foreign Affairs Budget for the Future: Fixing the Crisis in Diplomatic Readiness (FAB)

The American Academy of Diplomacy published a ground-breaking study in October 2008 detailing specifically what human and financial resources the State Department and USAID need to accomplish their missions in classic diplomacy, public diplomacy, development diplomacy, and reconstruction and stabilization. AAD is engaged in a nation-wide educational outreach campaign through 2010 to raise awareness for the critical role diplomacy plays in the conduct of foreign policy.

Integrating Instruments of Power and Influence

As the U.S. prepares itself for emerging threats and future military interventions, how should it learn from past experiences to make its military operations more effective? The American Academy of Diplomacy and the RAND Corporation published a new study in 2008 detailing a set of practical national security recommendations for the administration, the new Congress, and NATO on how to deal with future military operations and their aftermath.

Preventing Genocide

In an effort to enhance the U.S. government's capacity to recognize and respond to emerging threats of mass atrocities around the world, the Academy partnered with the US Institute of Peace and the Holocaust Museum to publish "Preventing Genocide: A Blueprint for U.S. Policymakers" in 2008. The report's Task Force was co-chaired by Madeleine K. Albright and William Cohen. It concludes that genocide is preventable, and provides 34 recommendations to enable the US government to prevent these crimes in the future. The report's findings address the need for strong international partnerships, early warning mechanisms, timely diplomatic responses to humanitarian crises, greater military preparedness, and action to strengthen global institutions.

Diplomacy and Nonproliferation

Given the prospects of a nuclear Iran, terrorist groups gaining access to fissile materials, and destabilized nuclear countries, nuclear nonproliferation is now one of America's highest national security priorities. How can diplomacy prevent the spread of nuclear weapons? The Academy continues to hold a discussions to address this question as part of the Arthur Ross Discussions on American Diplomacy Series.

Encouraging Creative Thought and Recognizing Contributions to Diplomacy

The Academy annually presents the prestigious Annenberg Award for Excellence in Diplomacy, the Arthur Ross Award for Distinguished Reporting & Analysis of Foreign Affairs, and the Douglas Dillon Book Award to individuals for their significant contributions to the field of diplomacy. It also grants the Philip Merrill Fellowship in partnership with the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies to recognize scholars of American diplomacy.

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