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EDUCATION

Washington & Lee University Lexington, Virginia	European History Honors With Exceptional Distinction	B.A. 1964
Columbia University Russian Institute New York, New York	Russian Area Studies Woodrow Wilson Scholar	1964-65
Harvard University Law School Cambridge, Massachusetts		J.D. 1971

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Advisor – USAID – Indonesia Orangutan Conservation Support Project	USAID Jakarta, Indonesia	March 2007- present
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Responsible for senior level government relationships with the Government of Indonesia/Ministry of Forestry and U.S. Congress, long term conservation finance, media and communications,.

Deputy Director, Asia-Pacific Region	The Nature Conservancy Bali, Indonesia	2005 to present
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Responsibility for management and oversight of The Nature Conservancy's country programs in Indonesia, China, Papua New Guinea, Pacific Islands, and Australia, and TNC's regional programs in policy, government relations, conservation finance, and fund raising.

Distinguished Guest Lecture, Graduate Department of Social and Cultural Ecology Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic	2005
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Course: Natural Resource Management in the United States and China:
A Comparative Analysis

Senior Advisor Kunming, Yunnan Province China	The Nature Conservancy China Program	1999- 2004
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The mission of the Yunnan Great Rivers Project, a joint project of The Nature Conservancy, the Chinese central government, and the Yunnan Provincial Government, is to create a system of Nature Reserves and protected areas in Northwest Yunnan Province, China, to reduce threats to biodiversity through conservation actions and strategies; to recommend policy and legislation for Nature

Reserve/protected area management, and to promote compatible and sustainable economic development.

Negotiated 3-year working agreement with the Yunnan Provincial Government;

Managed the preparation of the Northwest Yunnan Conservation and Development Action Plan. This Action Plan addresses biodiversity conservation, cultural resource protection, regional planning and transportation infrastructure, compatible economic development in Northwest Yunnan, and recommendations for policy and legislative reform. The Action Plan involved approximately 40 institutes and agencies of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences, and agencies of the Yunnan Provincial Government and local governments. The Yunnan Provincial Government formally adopted the Action Plan.

Managed Conservation Area Planning at five high biodiversity action sites selected in the Northwest Yunnan Eco-regional Plan, including strategies to reduce threats to biodiversity such as an alternative energy program to reduce fuel wood use.

Represented The Nature Conservancy in negotiations with the Chinese Central Government, State Environmental Protection Administration leading to preparation of a national biodiversity conservation plan.

Represented The Nature Conservancy in negotiations and joint projects in China with multi-lateral funding agencies, including the World Bank, the Asia Development Bank, the Global Environment Facility, UNESCO, United Nations Environment Programme, and bilateral funding agencies.

Managed growth of The Nature Conservancy's China Program staff from 4 to 43 employees in five locations in Northwest Yunnan with an annual budget of \$US 2.4 million.

Vice President, Law and Public Policy

**National Trust for Historic
Preservation
Washington, D.C.**

1994-1999

The National Trust for Historic provides leadership, education and advocacy to save America's diverse historic places and revitalize our communities.

Managed legal department consisting of: (1) five attorneys responsible for litigation and internal corporate and governance matters; (2) two federal lobbyists and one research associate; (3) Director of State Law and Policy; and (4) Community Partners Program Director, senior attorney, loan and investment officer, and associate responsible for loan and equity investments in historic properties and districts.

Responsible for all federal and state legislation, administrative, litigation, and legal decisions affecting the mission of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Co-authored of *Reclaiming Our Heritage: What We Need To Do To Preserve America's National Parks*.

Assistant United States Attorney for Maryland U.S Department of Justice 1977-1981

Investigated and prosecuted criminal violations of federal law: bank robbery, mail and wire fraud, income tax, narcotics, and environmental laws.

Represented United States in civil actions in the District of Maryland.

Argued criminal cases on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

**Assistant Attorney General of Maryland State of Maryland 1975-1977
Maryland Legislature and
Department of Natural Resources
Annapolis, Maryland**

Provided advice on the constitutionality of proposed legislation to members of the Maryland Senate and House of Representatives.

Provided legal advice and represented in state and federal court the agencies of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources including Wetlands Administration, State Parks Service, State Forest Service, Office of Program Open Space, Office of Surface Mining, and Power Plant Siting Administration.

**Law Associate Piper & Marbury 1972-1975
Baltimore, Maryland**

Advised corporate clients on matters of general corporate law and securities law, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, public offerings, criminal investigations, and litigation.

**Law Clerk Hon. Frank A. Kaufman 1971-1972
United States District Court
For Maryland
Baltimore, Maryland**

Researched opinions and rulings arising under federal and state law for a United States District Court Judge.

VOLUNTEER AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Wyss Foundation, Board of Trustees 1997- present

The mission of the Wyss Foundation is to preserve, protect, and restore, the public lands, waters, and open spaces of the American West to achieve ecological health across the landscape and build community, maintain diversity, and nourish the human spirit. The foundation awards approximately \$16 million in grants annually. Trustees and staff work directly with conservation and community organizations to develop proposals and strategies for funding.

**Training Program in Political Party
Organization, Structure and Operations**

**National Democratic Institute 1992
National Endowment on Democracy
Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

Trained leaders of four major political parties in Cambodia in political party organization, structure and operations after the adoption of a new constitution and the elections in 1992

**Vietnam Veterans
Reconciliation Project**

**Vietnam Veterans of 1992-1996
America Foundation
Washington, D.C.**

Organized Vietnam War veterans to advocate lifting the United States' trade embargo against Vietnam and normalizing relations with Vietnam.

Common Cause, National Governing Board

1997 – 1999

Chairman of the Search Committee for Chair of National Governing Board
Finance Committee; Litigation and Legal Affairs Committee

Military Service

1965-1968

United States Marine Corps, discharged with the rank of Captain