

Fireside Chat with Stephen E. Biegun, Former Deputy Secretary of State

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This important event will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, beginning at 4:30 [p.m.](#), at the [DACOR Bacon House](#), 1801 F Street, NW. The discussion will be followed by a happy hour. More information and a link to register can be found here: <https://www.memberleap.com/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=52853>

Stephen E. Biegun served as Deputy Secretary of State from 2019-2021. He was confirmed into the position by the Senate with a strong bipartisan vote of 90-3.

Stephen began his career as an international affairs specialist with the United States Congress, serving in both the United States Senate and House of Representatives with a focus on Russia, the former Soviet Union, and Europe, and ultimately rising to a number of senior-level positions including as chief of staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and as the national security advisor to the Senate Majority Leader. He served two years as the Executive Secretary of the White House National Security Council, serving as an advisor and deputy to the National Security Advisor. From 1992-94, he was the Resident Program Director in the Russian Federation for the International Republican Institute. Earlier, Stephen also served for 15 years as a corporate vice president with Ford Motor Company. He currently is senior vice president of Global Public Policy at The Boeing Company.

Stephen has volunteered as a board member for several international, national and local non-profit organizations. He has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy and has led mentoring programs for next generation United States foreign policy and national security leaders.

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Most recently, Ambassador McCarthy was a visiting fellow at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs. Previously, she was the US ambassador to Lithuania from 2013 to 2016. She also served as the deputy ambassador at the US embassy in Greece and the US embassy in Nicaragua. In Washington, she was the principal deputy assistant secretary of state for economic and business affairs, deputy assistant secretary for narcotics and law enforcement, senior advisor for counterterrorism, and special coordinator for Venezuela. Her other diplomatic postings include consul general in Montreal, economic counselor at the US embassy in Paris, financial economist at the US embassy in Rome, and assignments in the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

McCarthy received a BA in economics from the University of Virginia and a joint master's in economics and foreign service from Georgetown University.

On Fri, Dec 20, 2024 at 9:49 AM Lynn Northcutt Vega <lynnvega1963@gmail.com> wrote:
Can you please share this announcement with UAA members? We hope to have a good group at this event! Thank you in advance.

Friends and Colleagues:

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