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Founder (with the late Professor Nicholas Wahl) of the French American Foundation in 1976.

After graduating from Yale University, began government service with Marshall Plan European Headquarters in Paris in 1950. In 1951 assigned to the U. S. Special Mission to Yugoslavia, resident in Sarajevo. Then on U.S. Delegation to the Temporary Council Committee of NATO. From 1952 to 1955 naval officer USS Coral Sea and Naval War College staff.

Commissioned Foreign Service Officer in 1956. Served, successively, on the NATO desk in Washington, at the American Embassies in Colombo and Belgrade, on the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (co-author Committee field reports on Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Greece, Nuclear Weapons in Europe), as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs (1974-77) and as Ambassador to Luxembourg (1977-81).

Retired from the Foreign Service in 1982. Past board member of various investment funds, educational institutions and non-profit organizations including Refugees International and the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. International observer group 1993 and 1994 Sri Lanka elections, elections adviser OSCE Mission to Bosnia Herzegovina 1996,1997. Articles in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Christian Science Monitor.

Member Council on Foreign Relations, International Institute for Strategic Studies. Chairman, Advisory Council of the American Library in Paris. Officer Legion of Honor.