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## Congressional Partnership Program Conference

<b>Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup></b>	
<i>6:30 PM – 7:00 PM</i>	<b>Cocktail Reception</b>
<i>7:00 PM – 8:30 PM</i>	<b>Dinner and Trade Simulation</b> Attendees will have dinner and begin the first part of the weekend-long trade simulation, the intercountry negotiation.
<i>8:30 PM – 9:30 PM</i>	<b>After Dinner Reception</b>

<b>Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup></b>	
<i>10:00 AM</i>	<b>Bus Departs from Union Station</b>
<i>11:00 AM</i>	<b>Arrive at Lansdowne Conference Center (44050 Woodridge Parkway, Leesburg, VA) &amp; Check-in</b>
<i>11:00 AM- 1:00 PM</i>	<b>Lunch and Lecture - Featuring: Derek Solen, Senior Researcher at the U.S. Air Force's China Aerospace Studies Institute</b>
<i>1:00 – 4:00 PM</i>	<b>Trade Simulation -</b> Participants will do part two of the mock trade simulation.
<i>4:30 – 5:00 PM</i>	<b>Break</b>
<i>5:00 – 6:00 PM</i>	<b>Cocktail Reception</b>
<i>6:00 – 7:00 PM</i>	<b>Dinner</b>
<i>7:00 – 8:30 PM</i>	<b>Keynote Speaker – Featuring: Ambassador Earl Anthony Wayne</b>
<i>9:00 PM</i>	<b>Bus Pickup From Lansdown</b>
<i>10:00 PM</i>	<b>Arrive at Union Station</b>

## Speaker Bios



**Ambassador Earl Anthony Wayne** is currently a Distinguished Diplomat in Residence and Professorial Lecturer at American University's School of International Service. He is a Public Policy Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center and Co-Chair of its Mexico Institute Board. Wayne is a senior non-resident advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and the Atlantic Council. Ambassador Wayne is a board member of the American Academy of Diplomacy and the Public Diplomacy Council of America. He is an active member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American College of National Security Leaders, and other internationally oriented groups. He consults privately and did so for HSBC (2015-

19) and Kissinger Associates (2020-22). Wayne writes and speaks frequently. His articles and other work can be found at [www.eawayne.com](http://www.eawayne.com).

Ambassador Wayne's most recent diplomatic posting was as the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico (2011-2015). He led a U.S. Mission of 2,700 employees working to foster America's relationship with a major partner on trade, investment, tourism, migration, law enforcement, and border security. During his years as ambassador, Mexico and the United States significantly enhanced cooperation on economic, energy and environmental issues as well as on border and security issues. U.S.-Mexico higher education cooperation also greatly increased, and Mission Mexico significantly expanded outreach to Mexican society. The U.S. Mission was named the 2014 "Embassy to Watch" by the State Department for its many public-private partnerships.

Immediately prior to Mexico, Ambassador Wayne spent two years in Afghanistan. Arriving in 2009, he served as the Coordinating Director for Development and Economic Affairs, leading a new office to improve coordination of \$4 billion in U.S. non-military assistance. After a year, Wayne was named the Deputy U.S. Ambassador, overseeing Embassy and field offices. He liaised closely with the government of Afghanistan, the U.S. military, and international officials.

From 2006 to 2009, Wayne was the U.S. Ambassador to Argentina. He and his team worked successfully to overcome high levels of anti-Americanism through vigorous public diplomacy, youth engagement and partnership with civil society and businesses. Ambassador Wayne successfully managed government-to-government disagreements, while strengthening cooperation against trafficking in persons, drug smuggling, and terrorism.

Ambassador Wayne was Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs (EB) for six years from 2000-2006. During his tenure, EB played a leading role in organizing international reconstruction conferences, in building international coalitions to cut off money supporting terrorists, in supporting negotiation of debt relief and economic reform, and in supporting U.S. companies in commercial disputes and U.S. trade negotiators. Ambassador Wayne held this position under three Secretaries of State and remains the longest serving EB Assistant Secretary. Earlier, he worked on European affairs in Washington, Brussels, and Paris, among other Foreign Service posts, and was a correspondent for The Christian Science Monitor.



Ambassador Wayne's recognition includes the Director General's Cup for the Foreign Service (2017); the State Department's Charles Cobb Award for Initiative and Success in Trade Development (2015); Mexico's Order of the Aztec Eagle (2015); the Global Ambassador of Peace and Public Service from International House, U.C. Berkeley (2015); a Presidential Meritorious Service Award (2012), the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service (2011) and the Cordell Hull Award for Economic Achievement by Senior Officers (2010), all for work in Afghanistan; the Paul Wellstone Anti-Slavery Ambassador of the Year Award for work in Argentina (2008); the Department of State's Distinguished Honor Award and a Presidential Meritorious Service Award for work as EB Assistant Secretary (2005), and a Presidential Distinguished Service Award for work related to Kosovo and Southwest Europe (2001).

Wayne holds an MPA from Harvard University's JFK School of Government (1984), MAs from Princeton University (1975) and Stanford University (1973), and a BA from the University of California, Berkeley (1972).

**Derek Solen** is a senior researcher at the U.S. Air Force's China Aerospace Studies Institute, which he joined in 2019. Before joining CASI, he worked as a civilian intelligence specialist in the U.S. Army's 500th Military Intelligence Brigade from 2007. During that period, he worked at U.S. Army Pacific's Analysis and Control Element as well as the Pacific Command's Joint Intelligence Operations Center. Then he spent a decade at the brigade's Asian Studies Detachment on Camp Zama in Japan, where he became the chief of the detachment's Northeast Asia Division. He was named Vanguard Civilian of 2016 by the 500th Military Intelligence Brigade and was awarded the Army's Superior Civilian Service Medal (third highest award for Army civilians) in 2019. He received a bachelor's degree in area studies from Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University and a master's degree in military history from Norwich University. He is fluent in Japanese and Chinese.

