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**KALEIDOSCOPE: CONNECTING DIVERSITY
ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY**



Friday, April 12, 2024

11:00 A.M. Doors Open

Harry S. Truman Building
Washington, D.C.

12:00 P.M. Welcome

Kayla C. Bruner
HBCU Alumna and MSI Conference Organizer
Bureau of Global Public Affairs
Office of the Public Liaison

**** Recorded Remarks (Video)**

Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield
United States Mission to the United Nations

12:15 P.M. Panel 1: Ambassador All-Stars

Moderator:

Raquel J. King-Nicudemus
Special Assistant to the Vice President's
National Security Advisor

Panelists:

Ambassador Julie Turner
Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights
Issues, Bureau of East Asia and the Pacific

Ambassador Natalie Brown
Smithsonian's Office of Global Affairs

Ambassador Hugo Rodriguez
Bureau of Consular Affairs

1:00 P.M. BREAK



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1:10 P.M.

Panel 2: Tech and Diplomacy | A.I.

Moderator:

Nick Theodoracatos

Strategic Communications Officer
Bureau of Global Public Affairs

Panelists:

Dr. Matthew Graviss

Chief Data and Artificial Intelligence Officer
Office of Management Strategy and Solutions
Center for Analytics

Carrie Goux

Senior Advisor
Global Engagement Center

Allison Schwier

Deputy Science and Technology Adviser to the
Secretary of State

2:00 P.M.

**Panel 3: Tools of Diplomacy
Culinary, Cultural, and Science**

Moderator:

Abby Finknauer

Special Envoy For Global Youth Issues

Panelists:

James Sinopoli

Senior Executive Chef
Office of the Chief of Protocol

Nicole Elkon

Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Marcie DiCocco

Policy Analyst
Bureau of Oceans and International
Environmental and Scientific Affairs,
Office of Global Change

2:45 P.M.

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**3:00 P.M. Panel 4: Navigating NATO:
Diplomatic Career Insights and Highlights**

Panelists:

Executive Secretary Dereck Hogan

Ernesto Alfonso

National Security Council's Director for the
NATO Summit

3:30 P.M. Keynote Remarks

Secretary of State, Antony Blinken

3:45 P.M. Panel 5: Pathways to Public Service
Moderator:

Sara Mahoney

Deputy Office Director for Recruitment
Bureau of Global Talent Management

Panelists:

Hermes Grullon

Foreign Service Officer, and President of
the Pickering and Rangel Fellows Association

Dineo Brinson

Fulbright Program Officer
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
Office of Academic Exchange Programs

4:00-6:00 P.M.

In-person Career Fair

Hosted by Global Talent Management
HST Exhibit Hall

Virtual Career InfoSession

<https://statedept.zoomgov.com/j/1608383757>