

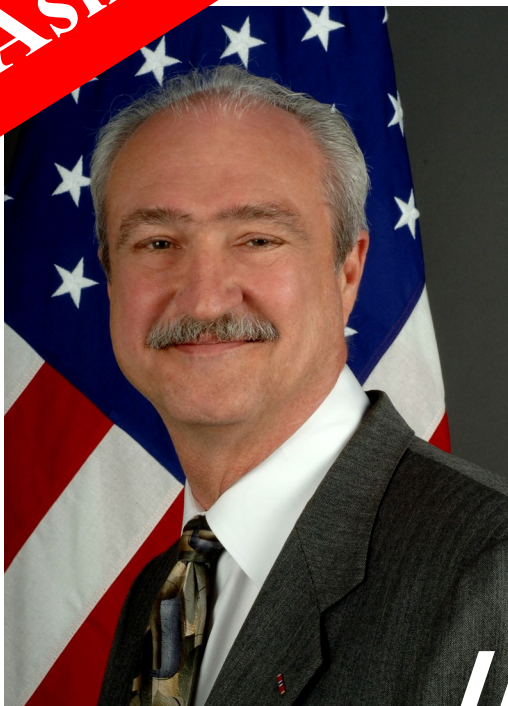
Ashe Lecture

Ambassador James Knight

Chad (2013-16) and Benin (2009-13)

Wednesday, April 5, 5:30 pm

Toyota Auditorium



Central Africa and International Terrorism

Ambassador Knight retired in 2016 from the US Foreign Service as the US Ambassador to Chad. He also served as Ambassador to Benin and Assistant Chief of Mission for US Embassy Baghdad. Ambassador Knight's earlier assignments included posts in East Africa, Iraq, Angola, Cabo Verde, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Gambia, and Nigeria. He received the Secretary's Career Achievement Award, multiple Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards and Senior Foreign Service Performance Awards, and the Expeditionary Service Award. Ambassador Knight holds a PhD in Anthropology from the University of Chicago. He served as an infantry officer in the US Army, including assignments in Germany and Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for his combat service. He also worked as an economic development specialist for the US Agency for International Development in Niger and as a software developer in the US private sector. He speaks French and Portuguese.

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