

Conversations at the Cottage

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Association for Diplomatic Studies & Training

Capturing, preserving and sharin the experiences of America's diplomats.



Arlington Hall

ADST's Arlington Hall Press publishes first E Book!

To celebrate the milestone anniversary of the March 13, 1947, founding of the Foreign Service Institute, ADST is publishing an e-book detailing the history of FSI and the achievements of American diplomacy.

ADST has brought in Steven Alan Honley, former editor of the Foreign Service Journal, to produce the commemorative work with the assistance of Danny Li, an ADST intern from Dartmouth. Drawing from a wide variety of sources, Steve is focusing on the challenges that had to be overcome in creating our national foreign affairs training center. The Una Chapman Cox Foundation provided funding for the project.

ADST will launch the book March 9 at a wine-and-cheese reception at the American Foreign Service Association, from 6:00-7:00 pm. An invitation to ADST members/donors is on the way. Invite and book details to follow.

MEMBER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES !

ADST is offering members two new volunteer opportunities: (1) establish an OralHistory Alumni Council; and (2) complete Oral History Tables of Contents.

ADST Oral History AlumniCouncil: We are looking for a volunteerto coordinate the establishment of an Oral History Alumni Council (OHAC) forall those who have completed their oral history. This is a special group whose contribution toADST's Foreign Affairs Oral History program we want to recognize, while spotlightingthe importance of capturing, preserving, and sharing the experiences ofAmerica's diplomats.

Oral History Tables of Contents: We looking for several volunteers to help uscreate tables of contents for a number of oral histories. We have templates andexamples, and the work can be done at home or at ADST (if you'd like to work atour cottage).



ADST cottage

If you are interested in either project, please contact us at admin@adst.org. See message below from Susan Johnson.

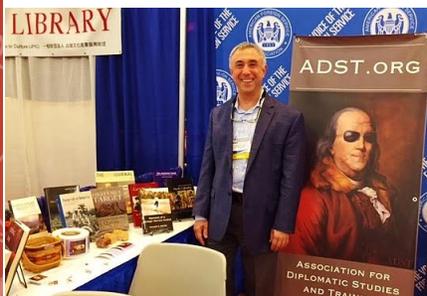
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Una Chapman Cox Foundation Funds ADST Oral History Fellow for 2017

The UCCF named retiree FSO, Mark Tauber as its ADST Oral History Fellow for 2017. Tauber began work with ADST in early 2016 to help bring more diverse voices to our narratives. As part of his commitment to Cox, these voices will include Foreign Commercial Service officers and others who helped to advance U.S. commerce through diplomacy.

Tauber will also promote ADST as a partner with the State Department Office of the Historian, Museum of Diplomacy, and Foreign Service Institute, as well as with private educational and professional organizations that may not be acquainted with our oral histories as valuable primary resources for teaching research.

Member Action Request: We would like to take this opportunity to ask ADST members and donors to help our Cox Fellow accomplish his 2017 goals by simply inviting friends on your Facebook page to take a look at your oral history on the ADST website. Your contacts will be impressed, and, in this age of social media, ADST's mission will have another way to "go viral."



**Mark Tauber at ISA
Conference, Baltimore**

What do you know about the ADST PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM?

Recent Releases: The most recent books in the program are Judith Heimann's *Paying Calls in Shangri-La* (Ohio University Press) and Richard Jackson's *Incidental Oriental Secretary and Other Tales of Foreign Service* (Hamilton Books). Among forthcoming titles are Harriet-Elam Thomas's *Practicing Authentic Diplomacy: One Woman's Journey from Roxbury to Dakar* and Peter Eicher's *Raising the Flag: Adventures of America's First Envoys in Faraway Lands*, both to be published by Potomac Books/University of Nebraska Press. Ten others are under contract, under review, or in progress.

Background: ADST created both the Diplomats and Diplomacy Books and the Memoirs and Occasional Papers series to increase public knowledge and appreciation of the professionalism of American diplomats and their involvement in world history. Since 1996, this program has led to publication of 94 books—61 in the Diplomats and Diplomacy Series and 33 in the Memoirs and Occasional Papers Series—including books by such luminaries as David Newsom, Nick Platt, Brandon Grove, Hank Cohen, Ron Neumann and others.

Process: Prospective authors submit their manuscripts for

peer review after making a tax-deductible \$3000 contribution to the publications program. ADST seeks appropriate publishers for accepted manuscripts, provides help with editing, formatting, illustrations, and other preproduction tasks, and liaises with the publishers throughout the process. See adst.org/publications for details on all published series titles.



Message from the President

ADST family – we are making a tangible contribution to the understanding and practice of diplomacy! You can participate directly to sustaining and enriching our unique oral history collection via the volunteer opportunities outlined above. The oral histories are a tremendously important record and source for historians, political scientists, and practitioners. They provide depth and context for U.S. foreign relations over multiple decades. Please consider getting directly involved and becoming part of our oral history production team, working from home or with us here at the Cottage.

If you would like to discuss these or other opportunities to support our diplomatic oral history project and help carry it forward in a high-quality and sustainable way, please give me a call or send me an e-mail at johnsonsr@adst.org.



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