



Ambassador Kenton Keith retired from a career in the U.S. foreign service in 1997. Over the course of 33 years his career focus was on cultural and educational exchange. He served as Cultural Affairs Officer in Istanbul and Paris, and as Public Affairs Officer in Damascus, Fez and Cairo. In 1992 he was nominated and confirmed as ambassador to the State of Qatar. Returning to Washington, Ambassador Keith led the US Information Agency team that negotiated the reorganization of foreign affairs agencies. Upon his retirement from government service, Keith accepted the position of Senior Vice President at Meridian International Center with primary responsibility for overseeing Meridian's management of the State Department's International Visitor Leadership Program. In 2001, Ambassador Keith was called back into the Foreign Service to direct the Coalition Information Center in Islamabad in the period leading up to the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan. He resumed his Senior Vice President role at Meridian in 2002 and remained in that position until retirement in 2010. Keith currently serves as an inspection team leader for the State Department's Office of Inspector General. Ambassador Keith serves on the Boards of several organizations focused on international relations.