



US Foreign Policy Priorities and 21st Century Diplomacy

U.S. diplomacy in the 21st century is committed to peace and focused on bringing nations together to build democracy and to advance human rights and the rule of law. On April 23, the Foreign Policy Association of Harrisburg will host Senior Advisor Karen Richardson for a discussion of key foreign policy priorities facing the Obama Administration, from countering violent extremism to the recent historic understanding with Iran to climate change. Ms. Richardson will discuss these critical global issues in the context of the evolution of U.S. public diplomacy in the modern era.

Karen Richardson is Senior Advisor in the Bureau of Public Affairs at the U.S. State Department. From January 2009 to February 2014, she worked at the White House as Associate Director in the Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs. In this role, she was responsible for developing and managing domestic outreach to NGOs, advocacy organizations, and constituency groups, in close coordination with the White House National Security Staff, to promote the President's position on a broad range of foreign policy issues. In this capacity, Richardson was also an advisor to Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett on international issues, including managing Ms. Jarrett's involvement in international gender policy development in her role as Chair of the White House Council on Women and Girls.

Richardson began working for President Obama at his Senate Office in August 2005, serving as Deputy to the Policy Director. Shortly after Obama announced his presidential run, Richardson joined the Obama for America campaign as the State Policy Director for Iowa, a role she assumed in several states throughout the presidential primary. In July 2008 Richardson became the Policy Director at the Democratic National Committee (DNC), and also joined the DNC as part of then-Senator Obama's Congressional Liaison team. After the presidential general election, she joined the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team.

Born in Washington, D.C. and raised in Los Angeles, California, Richardson has a BA from Howard University, a JD from Howard University School of Law, and a Masters in International Affairs from the London School of Economics

*Save the Date
May 7th
German Embassy
Trip
See "Next Event"
On FPA Website and
Register by
April 15th*

April 23rd Meeting Dinner Arrangements

Place: Radisson Penn Harris Hotel
Governor B (Hotel)
Camp Hill Bypass & Erford Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Time: **5:30 PM:** Social Hour (Cash Bar)
6:30 PM: Sit Down Dinner
7:30 PM: Presentation w/ Q & A

Menu: Caesar Salad, Penne Rustica, Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce

Those with special dietary needs may request a substitution when making a reservation. Remember, if you order a substitute meal to pick up a coded tag at the table and put it by your place. Alternate meals will be only chicken unless chicken is the main course – then fish will be the alternate or vegetarian, which will be Chef's choice (typically non-meat pasta).

The cost for FPA members: \$23.00.
We welcome non-members to attend dinners.
The non-member cost is: \$26.00

There is no charge for anyone to attend the program presentation only, beginning at 7:30 PM.

For Reservations Contact: Ron Pontius at:
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You can also click on the reservations link on the FPA web site: www.fpa-harrisburg.org

Notes: Reservations by telephone must be made by 10 PM on the Monday before the Thursday meeting; or if by e-mail, by 9 AM Tuesday before the meeting.

When making or canceling a dinner reservation be sure to give your complete *name, address, and phone number*. We need that information to notify you if a meeting is canceled due to inclement weather or for other reasons. If you come for dinner as a "Walk-in" without a reservation, we cannot guarantee that the hotel will be able to provide you with a meal.

NOTE: We bill "No-shows"

No-shows will be billed except when there are sufficient walk-ins to meet the reservation number given to the Radisson.

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