

BOSNIA AND KOSOVO: THE FUTURE OF PEACEKEEPING

AMBASSADOR JOHN MENZIES

FORMER US CHIEF OF MISSION TO KOSOVO AND AMBASSADOR TO BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

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University Center, Flying A Studios meeting room
(UCEN main level)



AMBASSADOR JOHN K. MENZIES was appointed Dean of the John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University effective January 2007. The Whitehead School's innovative graduate and undergraduate programs provide 600 students with the critical skills and knowledge needed for international careers in public service, business, law and the nonprofit sector. Through a unique alliance with the United Nations Association of the United States of America, students are exposed to today's leaders and policymakers while experiencing diplomacy at work.

Prior to this appointment, Ambassador Menzies successfully served as the 16th president of Graceland University, a liberal arts institution in Lamoni, Iowa from 2002 to 2006.

Ambassador Menzies joined Seton Hall and Graceland after a distinguished 21-year career as a foreign service officer. Between 2001 and 2002, Menzies was Chief of Mission to Kosovo, where he led negotiations to form a government, forged compromise between political parties, developed a post-war economy, and helped organize and monitor the first democratic elections. Prior, he served as a top advisor on Balkan policy for the Clinton and Bush administrations. Between 1997 and 1998, Menzies was a Jennings Randolph Senior Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace where he led the

Balkan working group. As Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina from 1994-1996, he participated in the Dayton Peace Talks and oversaw U.S. post-war assistance.

Ambassador Menzies held a variety of other foreign service posts in Hungary, East Germany and Bulgaria, where he worked to promote democracy in the post-Cold War period. He also served in the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York and to the office of the Coordinator for the Support for East European Democracy (SEED) program. In the early 1990's, Menzies founded the American University in Bulgaria.

In 1997, he received the American Bar Association's award for dedication and service toward advancing the rule of law, and in 1994, the Rivkin Award from the American Foreign Service Association for "constructive dissent." Other honors include the Department of State Superior Honor Award, several honorary degrees, and the 2000 Community of Christ International Human Rights Award.

Menzies holds a doctoral degree in German from the University of California at Berkeley, and master's and bachelor's degrees from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.