

# BPIA 2021 VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR



## **Keynote**

### **Ambassador Gina Abercrombie-Winstanley**

Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer

U.S. Department of State

A 30-year diplomat, Ambassador Abercrombie-Winstanley was the longest serving U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Malta. Through a series of senior positions that included advising the Commander of U.S. cyber forces on foreign policy priorities, expanding counterterrorism partners and programs as Deputy Coordinator for Counterterrorism, and Coordinating the largest evacuation of American citizens from a war zone since WW II, her professional life has played out almost daily in international media. She began her formal work in teaching and leadership development as Chairwoman for Middle East Area Studies at the prestigious Foreign Service Institute where U.S. diplomats are trained. Earlier in her career, she served in Baghdad, Jakarta and Cairo before taking on the position of Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for the Middle East and Africa. Middle East assignments include election monitoring in the Gaza Strip and an extraordinary assignment in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia where she actively supported gender equality as the first woman to lead a diplomatic mission there. In addition to the State Department, she has held senior positions at the Defense Department and at the National Security Council of the White House. Prior to that, she was a fellow on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for the then Ranking Member, Senator Joseph Biden. Ms. Abercrombie-Winstanley is the recipient of the Maltese Order of Merit, Department of State Meritorious and Superior Honor Awards, including "For acts of courage during an attack on the U.S. Consulate General, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on December 6, 2004 by al-Qa'ida terrorists." She earned degrees from The George Washington University and The Johns Hopkins University and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. In 2019, she was voted into the American Academy of Diplomacy.





**Dr. Yolonda Kerney**

Diplomat-in -Residence  
DC Metro Region  
U.S. Department of State

Dr. Yolonda Kerney joined the United States diplomatic corps as a Foreign Service Officer in 2004. She served as Counselor for Public Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Mission to Barbados, the Eastern Caribbean, and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States; Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Jamaica; Cultural Affairs Officer at the U.S. Embassy in the Republic of Cameroon, and Economic Officer and Chief Consul at the U.S. Embassy in the Republic of Guinea. She is the recipient of several Department of State Meritorious Honor and Superior Honor awards, and the Lois Roth Award for Excellence in Cultural Diplomacy. Dr. Kerney is a proud alumna of Howard University from which she earned undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees in music history and literature, and religious studies. Before joining the Foreign Service she served as a music historian at the United States Library of Congress.



**Asha Castleberry-Hernandez**

Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary  
U.S. Department of State

Castleberry-Hernandez previously served as the Kuwait Desk Officer at U.S. Army Central. She worked on security cooperation with the OMC and the Kuwait Ministry of Defense. In addition, she served as a Senior Key Leadership Engagement Officer for Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq and Kuwait. During the Obama Administration, she served at the U.S. Mission at the United Nations working peacekeeping operations in the African Continent. Currently, she is a Major in the U.S. Army Reserves. Castleberry-Hernandez, a former university professor, taught U.S. Foreign Policy, International Affairs, and U.S. National Security at Fordham University, George Washington University, and Baruch College. She is a term member at the Council on Foreign Relations, a former Robert J. Meyers fellow at the Carnegie Council on Ethic & International Affairs, Adjunct Fellow at the American Security Project, Fellow at Foreign Policy Interrupted and former Senior Associate at Center for International and Strategic Studies. She graduated from Hampton University and holds a Master's in International Affairs from Columbia University--School of International and Public Affairs. She studied Law and Business in with Syracuse University in China, and International Security at the University of Oxford.





## **CD Glin**

Vice President, PepsiCo Foundation  
Global Head of Philanthropy, PepsiCo

In this role, Glin leads the organization's social- and community-driven impact efforts and a portfolio of global employee engagement programs. Glin oversees the Foundation's strategic direction, leading internal and external engagement around The PepsiCo Foundation's three core pillars of creating equitable access to nutritious food, safe water, and economic opportunity. Prior to joining PepsiCo, Glin began his career as a Peace Corps Volunteer in South Africa during the Mandela administration. He also served as President and CEO of the U.S. African Development Foundation, Associate Director of The Rockefeller Foundation and Vice President for Business Development at PYXERA Global. Further, as an appointee in the Obama Administration, Glin was the first Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Global Partnerships for the Peace Corps. In 2011, Glin was honored as a Champion of Change in Civic Engagement and International Service by the White House. Glin earned his B.A. from Howard University, a Masters-level diploma in Strategy and Innovation from the Said Business School at the University of Oxford and completed the Leadership for Senior Executives Program at Harvard Business School. He and his wife, Jacqueline, have three daughters.



## **William E. (Kip) Ward**

U.S. Army General Officer, ret.  
Former President of SENTEL Corporation

While serving as deputy commander in EUCOM, Ward was confirmed as the inaugural Commander of the United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) becoming America's first Black Unified Combatant Commander. He successfully established the interagency geographic command responsible for all U.S. defense and security activities on the African continent with staff representatives from State, Commerce, Homeland Security and other Cabinet Departments and Agencies. Ward reported directly to the Secretary of State as the US Security Coordinator, Israel-Palestinian Authority. Other key Army, Joint and Combined command and staff assignments include NATO Force Commander in Bosnia, Commander 25th Infantry Division and Vice Director for Operations, Pentagon, The Joint Staff, during the September 2001 attacks. Ward is a decorated combat veteran with a BA in Political Science from Morgan State University, a MA in Political Science from Pennsylvania State University, and two Honorary Doctorate degrees. A Master Paratrooper, he is a two-time graduate of the Infantry school, the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He was an assistant professor teaching political science and public policy at West Point. Ward is currently a Director on non-profit and corporate Boards with active membership in civic, non-governmental and fraternal organizations.





### **Patrick Osewe**

Chief of Health Sector Group  
Asian Development Bank

Dr. Patrick L. Osewe is the Chief of the Health Sector Group at the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He provides leadership on policy, technical, and operational matters. He leads the application of evidence-based and innovative approaches to address emerging health issues in Asia and the Pacific. Patrick has provided leadership and guidance in the implementation of ADB's \$20 billion commitment to respond to COVID-19. His work includes convening global partners to reach consensus and prioritize investments, mobilizing leading private sector firms to support a range of response activities, and collaborating with International Air Transport Association, International Civil Aviation Organization, airlines, and hotels to safely restore travel and tourism industries. Prior to his time at ADB, Patrick was a Global Lead for the World Bank's Healthy Societies Global Solutions Group where he provided technical and operational guidance to countries, World Bank teams and the global health community. These included developing strategies for achieving universal health coverage (UHC), combatting the emerging burden of non-communicable diseases, and addressing health security as both an economic issue and as a major threat to achieving UHC. He led major global and regional multi-sectoral efforts to address communicable and noncommunicable diseases and built the capacity of World Bank teams and clients in the use of results-based management. He has over 25 years of experience as a global leader in health, including having previously worked for USAID and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as providing technical support to UN agencies and countries in different parts of the world. Patrick holds an MD from the University of Nairobi and an MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health.



### **Steven Lucas**

Director of Portfolio Management  
Financial Institutions and Capital Mobilization Division (FICMD)  
U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

Steven Lucas has been with the DFC agency for ten years. He began his career as a volunteer intern, transitioned into the Pathways Program, and now exploring the vast opportunities a career in international affairs has to offer. He manages a loan portfolio of more than \$500 million with corporate financial institutions and non-banking financial institutions. The responsibility of his role includes managing corporate banking relationships, financial analysis, reviewing collateral, and meeting with clients abroad. Over the course of his career he has conducted meetings in India, Mexico, Guatemala, Haiti, Egypt, Panama, Nicaragua, Azerbaijan, Kenya, Senegal, and London. Outstanding Accomplishments • Co-led the implementation of a new division at DFC (FICMD) • Recipient of two OPIC VP Awards • Established the agency's time and attendance system (WEBTA) • Sponsor of OPIC's Toastmasters Club Publications: • No Signals Volume I: Break the Mold • No Signals Volume II: Put it Together • The Accessory. Lucas holds two degrees from the University of Mississippi with a focus in Real Estate & Managerial Finance and a Masters in International Management from the University of Maryland Global Campus. He is an active member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and an Associate Board Member for Everybody Wins DC reading mentorship program.





## **Moderator**

### **Tyler L. Smith**

Howard University Student and Podcast Producer  
Black Professionals in International Affairs (BPIA)

Tyler Smith is an advocate, activist, and podcast producer from the Washington D.C. area. As a high school student, Tyler created the organization Stand Up which collaborated with local governmental officials to host civic engagement workshops, lead marches, and create video testimonials for victims of gun violence. As a student ambassador for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Tyler studied and educated museum tourists about the importance of global advocacy for marginalized peoples. Through the World is Watching BLM, Tyler has hosted virtual discussions with social advocates while providing policy recommendations to Y20 leaders. Tyler is the podcast host for the BPIA podcast Global Take where he facilitates nuanced conversations with global changemakers about the need for diversity, equity, and inclusion in international affairs careers. At Howard University, Tyler participates in the United Nations Association, the Chinese Culture Club, and the HU Student Association. Tyler currently serves as a Virtual Student Federal Service intern with the U.S. Department of State where he collaborates on outreach to Minority Serving Institutions in the D.C. Metro Area.