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Ambassador Samantha Power is the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations and a member of President Obama's Cabinet. At the United Nations, Ambassador Power works to advance U.S. interests, promote and defend universal values, and address pressing global challenges to global peace, security, and prosperity. Prior to serving as U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Power served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights on the National Security Staff at the White House. In this role she focused on issues including UN reform; LGBT and women's rights; the promotion of religious freedom and the protection of religious minorities; human trafficking; and democracy and human rights.

Before joining the U.S. government, Ambassador Power was the Anna Lindh Professor of the Practice of Global Leadership and Public Policy at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, teaching courses on U.S. foreign policy, human rights, and UN reform. She was also the founding executive director of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy. Ambassador Power is the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "A Problem from Hell: America and the Age of Genocide" (2002) and "Chasing the Flame: Sergio Vieira de Mello and the Fight to Save the World" (2008), the basis for the award-winning HBO documentary, "Sergio." She is also the co-editor of "The Unquiet American: Richard Holbrooke in the World" (2011).

Ambassador Power began her career as a journalist, reporting from places such as Bosnia, East Timor, Kosovo, Rwanda, Sudan, and Zimbabwe, and contributed regularly to *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The New Republic*, the *New York Review of Books*, and *The New Yorker Magazine*.

Ambassador Power immigrated to the United States from Ireland at the age of nine. She graduated from Lakeside High School in Atlanta, Georgia and received a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. She is married to Cass Sunstein, with whom she has two young children.

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The Forrestal Lecture Series was established at the Naval Academy in May 1970 in honor of the late James V. Forrestal who, as one of the foremost proponents of seapower of our era, was instrumental in the development of the modern Navy. Secretary Forrestal served in the Navy's flight program in World War I, leaving service as a lieutenant junior grade. He reentered government service in 1940 as an administrative assistant to President Roosevelt. Later that year, he was named Under Secretary of the Navy.

Long an advocate of naval supremacy, he was the man responsible for the remarkable logistical building of the Navy in the early war years. He became Secretary of the Navy in 1944, following the death of Frank Knox.

Secretary Forrestal took unprecedented strides towards establishing racial equality in the Navy. He also served as the chief architect of the vastly complicated merger of the War and Navy Departments into the National Military Establishment (later the Department of Defense). He was named the first Secretary of Defense by President Truman in 1947. The awesome burden of reorganization quickly took its toll and Secretary Forrestal resigned for health reasons in 1948. He died one year later.

The purpose of this series is to enhance the Brigade of Midshipmen's awareness and appreciation of the social, political, and cultural dimensions of the Nation and the world. Featured are leading representatives from various disciplines—government, the arts, humor, literature, education, sports, politics, science, and other fields.



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