

PATRICIA QUINN BARBIS

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Beginning in the FS

- Cultural affairs officer for USIS in Seoul, Korea from 1955-1957
- Entry into FS
- Successful first tour
- Telegram from Russell Cox, Chief Far East Personnel, August 1957
- DOS Civil Service
- Resigned to accompany husband overseas
- Partnership
- Organizing events at Chiang Mai, Thailand
- Statuses of and relationships between spouses and officers

Athens, Greece

1975-1979

- 5 years in Athens, Greece
- No language training
- Assassination of Station Chief Dick Welch
- Husband falsely named his successor in Greek press
- Security
- Husband in Washington
- Fire

Back to the U.S.

- Tried and failed to be reinstated to USIA
- Began successful career in media and public relations in the private sector

Spouse Issues

- Motivated to fight for spouse issues and compensation
- Tandem couples
- AAFSW
- Fight for spouse issues
- Group of spouses interviewed in the FS Journal
- 1980 FS Act
- Spouse compensation and pension
- Improvement for spouses
- Raising and educating children is expensive

General Discussion and Anecdotes

- Embassy in Athens was without an ambassador for 8 months
- Gregor Piatigorsky
- Burial traditions in Chiang Mai
- Selected for Leadership America Program