

# JOAN DEASON

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Mrs. Deason accompanied her husband, Robert G. Deason, an officer in the State Department Foreign Service, on his assignments in Washington, D.C. and abroad.

### Background

Born in San Francisco, CA  
Universities California and Oklahoma  
Married in 1958 to Robert G. Deason  
Medical technologist

### Wives of Foreign Service personnel abroad

Non-working wives  
Over-involvement in husband's career  
Second-class citizen syndrome  
Need to develop skills  
Children's education  
Cost of home leave and transfers  
Burdens of excessive travel  
How women can establish themselves professionally

### Pretoria, South Africa 1967-1969

Apartheid  
Stress  
Children  
Foreign Service class system  
Status of wives

### Dhahran, Saudi Arabia 1969-1971

Teacher at primary school  
Driving  
Environment  
Confined atmosphere  
Housing

### Washington, DC 1971-1973

American Association of Foreign Service Wives (AAFSW)  
Family Liaison Office (FLO) Support Services Officer  
1972 Directive (Foreign Service Wives)

### Stockholm, Sweden 1973-1977

Teacher of English  
Work as medical technologist

President, Women's Club American Girl Scout Program Swedish sexuality	
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia Female driving restrictions Work as medical technologist Corruption Mecca mosque crisis Cross-cultural training	1978-1979
Washington, DC Foreign Service Act of 1980 Children's education Support Services Officer Counselor for Separate Maintenance Allowance (SMA) Foreign Service divorce rates	1979-1982
Beijing, China Separation from children First-grade teacher Mental Health program Home leave	1982-1986
Seoul, Korea Study- Human Relations Teacher, Career life planning for transient dependents Male dependent spouse	1986-1990
Washington, DC State department Staff Development Officer, Refugee Programs Co-Chair, AAFSW Forum Committee "AAFS Source Constituency and Their Needs" Automated Communication System	1990-