

MARY JO FURGAL

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Background

Born and raised in Illinois	
Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa; East-West Center, Hawaii	
Studies in Vienna, Austria	
Private Radio/TV work	
Japanese language study, Japan	
University of Chicago, Library Science studies	
Marriage	
Entered the Foreign Service in (USIA) 1978	
Colombo, Sri Lanka; Cultural Affairs Officer Trainee	1979-1980
Tandem- assignment	
Environment	
Fulbright Program	
East-West Cultural Center	
Sri Lanka Wildlife and Preservation Society	
Madras (Chennai), India: Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer	1980-1983
Environment	
Embassy staff	
Exchange programs	
Joint Action Council for Women	
Fulbright program	
American Center	
Tamils	
Libraries	
Education	
Katmandu, Tibet: AID Contract Employee; Cultural Affairs Off.	1983-1984
Environment	
Peace Corps	
Dhaka, Bangladesh; Assistant Public Affairs Officer	1984-1986
Environment	
Local arts	
University	
Exchange Program	
USIA, Washington, D.C.; International Visitor Program, Europe	1986-1988
USIA, Washington, D.C.; Personnel, Near East, South Asia	1988-1990

Career counseling and assignments	
Colombo, Sri Lanka: Cultural Affairs Officer Assassinations Environment Library Universities Tamils and Sinhalese East West Center Alumni Association	1990-1993
Foreign Service Institute; Romanian language training	1993-1994
Bucharest, Romania; Cultural Affairs Officer Environment Religion American Studies Program	1994-1997
Harare, Zimbabwe: Cultural Affairs Officer Elections President Mugabe Environment Programs Education	1997-2000
State Department; Public Diplomacy, East Asia & Pacific	2000-2003
Retirement	2003

NOTE: Many of these assignments were tandem assignments were with her FSO husband