

**PATRICIA D. HUGHES**

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Background

Wellesley College and Rutgers University  
Joined the State Department in 1961 (FSO)  
Private sector employment  
Foreign Service Examination

State Department; Intelligence and Research, Great Britain and Northern Europe

Marriage to a Foreign Service Officer

Requisite retirement from commission as FSO

Posts as the wife of a Foreign Service Officer

London, Cape Town and Helsinki

Reentered the Foreign Service

1977

Change in regulations regarding FSO marriages

State Department; Bureau of Personnel

1977-1980

State Department; FSI; Czech language training

1980

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Rotation Officer

1980-1982

Dissidents' trials  
Environment  
Social security visits  
Police surveillance  
Family  
Ambassador Jack Matlock  
Local press influence  
Perceived lack of US aid  
European Security Cooperation

State Department; Suitability Conduct Office

1982-1984

Death of husband

State Department; Career Counseling Officer

1984-1989

Family counseling  
Assessment

Cape Town, South Africa; Political Officer

1990-1996

Elections  
Embassy  
Environment  
Apartheid  
African National Congress  
Allan Boesak  
Security  
Community  
Family  
Bishop Tutu  
District “cleansing”  
Theaters  
Ambassador Bill Swing

State Department; FSI; Danish language training

1996

Copenhagen, Denmark; Political/Economic Counselor

Elections  
World War II  
Jews  
Peacekeeping Force  
President Clinton’s visit  
US-Denmark relations  
Royal family

State Department; Career Development Assignments Officer