

# SALLIE SMOOT LEWIS

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Mrs. Lewis accompanied her husband Ambassador Samuel Lewis on his Foreign Service assignments in Washington, DC and abroad.

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- Southwestern University
- Actress (Arena Stage), Teacher, Writer

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