

KENNETH YATES

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Born and raised in Connecticut
Clarkson College, University of Pennsylvania
U.S. Army - 1958-1961
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English teacher in Sapporo, Japan (U.S. Army)
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Private banking in Philadelphia
Entered Foreign Service (USIA) - 1967
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Foreign Service Institute - Korean Language Training 1967-1968

Korea - Public Affairs Officer 1968-1972

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USIA - Officer of Research 1973-1975

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International Center for Language Studies and Foreign Service Institute - Washington, DC	1988-1989
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese language student Korean-Chinese comparison Chinese dialects Tiananmen Square - 1989 	
Beijing, China - Deputy Public Affairs Officer	1989-1992

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Foreign Service Institute - State Department orean Language Student North Korea reactor problems	1995-1996
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