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Biographies

Ambassador Louis Harold Joseph

Ambassador Louis Harold Joseph was named Ambassador of the Republic of Haiti to the United States on September 14, 2010. He has served in the Haitian government since 1977. From 2002-2010, Ambassador Joseph served as the Ambassador of the Republic of Haiti to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, where he was also Resident Dean of the Diplomatic Corps. From 1982-1997, Joseph was a Minister-Counselor in the Embassy of the Republic of Haiti in Washington D.C., including five years as *Chargé d'Affaires*. In the Embassy, he has also led the Economic and Business section.

Prior to joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Joseph led the Center for Commercial and Industrial Information in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in Port au Prince. Joseph joined the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in 1977.

Ambassador Joseph was born in Cap Haitien, where his parents were teachers. In 1978 he received a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the Faculty of Law and Economic Sciences at the University of Haiti in Port au Prince. He graduated from the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University in 1989 with a Master's of International Public Policy.

Ambassador Albert Ramdin

Albert R. Ramdin was reelected by acclamation for a second term as OAS Assistant Secretary General on March 24, 2010. Ambassador Ramdin has served as Assistant Secretary General since July 19, 2005. The Surinamese diplomat has had a distinguished career in public service at the national and international level, serving before his election to the OAS as Ambassador at Large and Special Adviser to the Government of the Republic of Suriname on Western Hemispheric Affairs.

In Suriname, Ramdin served as Senior Adviser to the Minister of Trade and Industry and Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Finance. In 1997, Ramdin became his country's Permanent Representative to the OAS, and two years later, he was also appointed to serve concurrently as Suriname's non-resident Ambassador to Costa Rica. As Ambassador to the OAS, Ramdin chaired the Permanent Council (January-March 1998) and the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (1999), and coordinated the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Ambassadors Caucus during Suriname's chairmanship of the subregional group. In 1999, he joined the CARICOM Secretariat as Assistant Secretary-General for Foreign and Community Relations, where he was responsible for coordinating CARICOM's foreign policy and strengthening relations among its member states. In 2001, Ramdin was named Adviser to the OAS Secretary General, with special attention to the Caribbean.

Born in Suriname, Ramdin received his education in Paramaribo and in The Netherlands, at the University of Amsterdam and the Free University, where he studied geography of developing countries with a specialization in social and economic problems of smaller economies in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Donna Barry

Donna Barry, NP MPH, is currently the Advocacy and Policy Director at Partners In Health (PIH) where she began working in 2001. Previously she led the PIH project to treat multi-drug resistant tuberculosis in Russia and was Co-Director of PIH's women's health programs in Haiti. She is guiding PIH's advocacy and policy efforts related to health and hunger, socio-economic development in Haiti, increasing the pool of funding for global health and the health care worker shortage. She has participated in briefings and hearings on Capitol Hill regarding reproductive health, debt relief in Haiti, childhood malnutrition, tuberculosis, and funding for global health. A Nurse Practitioner with certifications in women's and adult health, Donna also coordinates PIH's nursing activities and provides clinical and program advice to PIH's women's health programs.

She earned degrees in Political Science and Russian at Saint Louis University, and then went on to Columbia University in New York, where she earned Masters' Degrees in International Affairs and Public Health. Donna is very active in local and national Democratic Party organizing and is a long-time member of the American Public Health Association's International Health Section. She currently represents this section on APHA's Advisory Board.

Robert Maguire

Robert Maguire is the Chair of the Haiti Working Group at the U.S. Institute of Peace and is a former Jennings Randolph Senior Fellow. He is an associate professor of International Affairs in the College of Arts and Sciences at Trinity University in Washington D.C. and director of the Trinity Haiti Program. Maguire has been involved with Haiti since the mid 1970s through affiliations with the Inter-American Foundation, the Department of State, and Johns Hopkins, Brown and Georgetown Universities. In December 2001, Maguire received Rockefeller Foundation support for his work on Haiti at Trinity, allowing him to extend his work into issues

related to Haitian Diaspora populations. From 1994 to 2001, Maguire directed the Georgetown University Haiti Program, supported by the Ford Foundation to serve as a vehicle for the dissemination of information and analysis on issues linked to Haiti and to U.S.-Haiti policy. Since 1990, Dr. Maguire has served as the chair of Haiti Advanced Area Studies at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute.

Maguire has consulted various organizations on Haiti and Caribbean issues and regularly makes public presentations that address issues of development in Haiti, the role of the international community and U.S.-Haiti policy. Prior to joining academia, Maguire served in the federal government with the Inter-American Foundation, the Department of State and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Caribbean island of Dominica.

Maguire holds an M.A. in Latin American studies from the University of Florida and a Ph.D. in geography from McGill University.

Robert Perito

Robert M. Perito directs USIP's Security Sector Governance Initiative under the Centers of Innovation. He also directs USIP's Haiti and the Peacekeeping Lessons Learned Programs. Before joining the Institute, Perito was a Senior Foreign Service officer with the Department of State, retiring with the rank of minister-counselor. He was deputy executive secretary of the National Security Council (1988-1989). Perito received a Presidential Meritorious Service Award in 1990 for leading the U.S. delegation in the Angola peace talks and two State Department superior honor awards. Perito led the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program at the Department of Justice, which trained police in peace operations (1995-2001). Perito was a Peace Corps volunteer in Nigeria (1965-1967).

Perito has taught at Princeton, American and George Mason Universities. He holds a B.A. in international relations from Denver University and an M.A. in peace operations policy from George Mason University.

He is the co-author of *The Police in War: Fighting Insurgency, Terrorism and Organized Crime* (Lynne Rienner, 2010) and *Where is the Lone Ranger When We Need Him: America's Search for a Post-conflict Stability Force* (USIP Press, 2004).

Leonard Rubenstein

Leonard Rubenstein is president and former executive director of Physicians for Human Rights, an organization that mobilizes the health professions to advance human rights. He proposes to research and develop a "coherent approach to health in conflict." He will integrate emerging elements of human rights law and humanitarian law and practice that have not previously been applied to the protection of health in conflict.

Rubenstein has spent the past 30 years engaged in investigation, analysis and advocacy in the field of health and human rights domestically and internationally, in areas including human rights and health systems in the developing world; the protection of health in armed conflict, including accountability mechanisms; health in post-conflict reconstruction; gender, racial and ethnic inequality in health; human rights and health dimensions of national security policy; and the roles and responsibilities of health professionals in advancing health and human rights. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Congressional Minority Caucus' Healthcare Hero Award, the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area's Louis B. Sohn Award, the Physicians Forum Edward K. Barsky Award, the National Mental Health Association's Mission Award, and the Political Asylum Representation Project's Outstanding Achievement Award.

He has a B.A. from Wesleyan University, M.A. and J.D. from Harvard University and an LL.M from Georgetown University Law Center.