



State of Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism
Strategic Marketing & Support Division - Office of International Affairs

“Inside the Foreign Service: Insights into International Affairs and Diplomacy Careers”

Featuring:
**Ms. Jaimee Neel, Vice Consul
U.S. Consulate General Shanghai
U.S. Department of State**

Hawaii Global Links is proud to host a briefing featuring Ms. Jaimee Neel, Vice Consul U.S. Consulate General Shanghai, China.

This forum is a wonderful opportunity to meet a career foreign service officer born on the North Shore of Oahu and learn about her career experiences including her assignment to Shanghai, China.

Jaimee Neel was born in Kahuku and lived in Laie, attending Kahuku Elementary School. Her family later moved to San Diego, California where she attended Black Mountain Middle School and Mt. Carmel High School. After graduating from BYU, and serving a church mission to Taiwan, Jaimee returned to study law at BYU. It was during a summer law program abroad in Shanghai, China that Jaimee first learned about the Foreign Service. After graduating from BYU, Jaimee taught English as an inner-city schoolteacher in Washington D.C. with the Teach For America program. She then accompanied her Foreign Service husband to Sao Paulo, Brazil and worked in the U.S. Consulate for two years before joining the Foreign Service in 2006 as a Public Diplomacy Officer.

Jaimee served as a Consular Officer in Shanghai, China from 2007-2009 where she managed the Fraud Prevention Unit and the American Citizens Services section. In her various roles, Jaimee helped to extradite a U.S. felon back to China, as well as work with Chinese police to break up an underground Chinese people smuggling ring. Jaimee was awarded the prestigious Secretary of State’s Award for Volunteerism Abroad in 2005 for her work with a Brazilian orphanage, and a Meritorious Honor Award in 2009 for her contributions to the U.S. Mission in China. Jaimee speaks Mandarin and Portuguese and will begin Arabic studies this Fall in preparation for her second assignment to the U.S. Embassy in Cairo. Jaimee is part of a tandem Foreign Service couple, and has been married to Economic Officer James P. Neel for eight years. They have two small children.

Jaimee’s participation in this Global Links Forum is part of the Hometown Diplomat Program, which helps the U.S. Department of State establish and maintain important relationships with individuals and local communities. Department employees volunteer their time during trips to their hometown to speak publicly with local organizations and students of all ages and educational backgrounds.

DATE: Thursday, July 16, 2009
TIME: 9:30 – 10:30 am
LOCATION: No. 1 Capitol District Building
1st Floor Multi-Purpose Room
250 South Hotel Street

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