



Foreign Service Careers and Opportunities in Latin America and Beyond

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The LAII is located at 801 Yale Blvd NE, just north of the Duck Pond.

UNM DIPLOMAT IN RESIDENCE KEN CHAVEZ WILL HOLD A DISCUSSION ABOUT INTERNSHIPS AND CAREERS IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HOW THE SKILLS YOU DEVELOP WITH INTERNATIONAL COURSEWORK COULD LEAD TO AN EXCITING CAREER IN DIPLOMACY. For continuing students, the Department of State offers internships in Washington D.C. or at many of our embassies and consulates around the world. Graduate fellowship programs are available for seniors considering graduate school in a field relevant to diplomacy. The Department of State is looking for Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, and Chinese speakers for the Consular Fellows Program to use their language skills to provide consular services abroad. Ken will also discuss the Foreign Service Officer hiring process for those interested in becoming diplomats in the future. For questions, please feel free to contact Diplomat in Residence at DIRSouthwest@state.gov.



KEN CHAVEZ joined the Foreign Service in 2004 and was most recently the Deputy Consul General at the U.S. Embassy in Managua, Nicaragua, where he oversaw all aspects of consular operations, including nonimmigrant and immigrant visa processing and routine and emergency services to U.S. citizens. Before his assignment to Managua, Ken was the Media Unit Chief and Spokesperson for the Bureau of Consular Affairs in Washington, D.C., where he engaged with foreign and domestic press on

complex consular issues and conducted outreach on various topics such as the U.S. State Department's efforts to facilitate travel and tourism to the United States, the Department's role in border security, and how U.S. citizens can travel safely abroad. Ken also served as a Watch Officer in the State Department Operations Center, a 24-hour communication and crisis management center that monitors world events, prepares briefings for the Secretary and other Department principals, and facilitates communication between the Department and the rest of the world. Prior to his assignments in Washington, Ken served as a Consular Officer in Guadalajara, Mexico and Beijing, China. In Beijing, Ken was also Staff Assistant to the Ambassador and served in the interagency Joint Operations Center during the Beijing Olympics. As UNM's Diplomat in Residence, Ken is thrilled to talk with those considering internships, fellowships, and future careers about the extraordinary opportunities the State Department offers to serve their country in the Foreign and Civil Service.

