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UNM DIPLOMAT IN RESIDENCE LAURA GRITZ 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 LATIN AMERICAN COURSEWORK COULD LEAD TO AN EXCITING CAREER IN DIPLOMACY. The U.S. Department of State is dedicated to protecting and strengthening America's interests abroad and right here at home. You can make a difference with the U.S. Department of State. The Department offers internships, fellowships for graduate school, funding for study abroad, jobs, and careers. **All majors and backgrounds are welcome.**

LAURA GRITZ joined the Foreign Service in 2001 and most recently served as Public Diplomacy Advisor in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, which promotes U.S. values and advances human rights globally. Laura served as the Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Embassies in Oslo and Reykjavik and at the U.S. Consulate in Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan. As Public Affairs Officer, she engaged with foreign media, managed international exchanges, and promoted security and economic cooperation.

Laura has served in several international affairs positions in Washington, D.C. at the intersection of culture, technology, and policy. Early in her career, she served in public diplomacy and consular positions in Kabul, Afghanistan; Lusaka, Zambia; and Bangkok, Thailand. She has studied German, Thai, Icelandic, Dari, and Norwegian. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Laura worked as a corporate recruiter and served six years active duty in the U.S. Army. She holds a B.A. in English and German from the University of Notre Dame, an M.A. in Organizational Management from The George Washington University, and an M.A. in Strategic Studies from the Army War College. She is originally from Seattle, Washington.

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