



Ambassador Tibor P. Nagy, Jr.

Ambassador Tibor P. Nagy, Jr. is the Vice Provost for International Affairs at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Currently he is also serving as Africa Policy Committee co-chair for Presidential candidate and former Governor Mitt Romney.

During the 2002 academic year, Ambassador Nagy was the Department of State's "Diplomat in Residence" at the University of Oklahoma. Previously he was the U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia from 1999-2002 and Ambassador to Guinea from 1996-99. Before that, he attended the Department of State's prestigious Senior Seminar. During this year, Ambassador Nagy lectured extensively at educational institutions and to civic groups around the U.S. about US foreign policy, Africa, diplomatic careers, and Foreign Service life.

Ambassador Nagy joined the Foreign Service in 1978 as a management analyst in the Bureau of Personnel. His first overseas assignment was as General Services Officer in Lusaka, Zambia from 1979-81. After that, he was assigned to Victoria, Seychelles, for two years as Administrative Officer. He served as Systems Administrator for the African Bureau in Washington from 1983-84 and then returned overseas as Administrative Officer in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 1984-86. For the next eight years, he was Deputy Chief of Mission at Lome, Togo (1987-90); Yaounde, Cameroon (1990-93); and Lagos, Nigeria (1993-95).

Ambassador Nagy was born in Budapest, Hungary on April 29, 1949 and arrived in the United States as a political refugee in 1957. He received a B.A. from Texas Tech University in 1972 and an M.S.A. from George Washington University in 1978.

He speaks Hungarian and French and has received numerous awards, including the Department of State's "Superior Honor" award and five "Meritorious Honor" awards. He has been runner-up for the prestigious "Deputy Chief of Mission of the Year" award. Ambassador Nagy is a resident of Texas and is married to Eva Jane Nagy. The Nagys have a daughter, Tisza, and two sons, Peter and Stephen, who are in the Foreign Service.