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Terrell Jermaine Starr



Terrell is probably one of the few foreign affairs reporters who compares diplomacy to the narcotics trade. In fact, one of his most popular columns compared Russian President Vladimir Putin to fictional drug lord Marlo Standfield on the HBO series *The Wire*.

That's Terrell's approach to foreign affairs news in a nutshell: making things simple and relatable to the everyday listener. His work focuses on U.S. domestic politics, racism in the U.S. and abroad, Eastern European affairs, and other foreign policy issues.

Each week, Terrell reports what it's like to live in wartime Ukraine through his brand new YouTube channel, *Black Diplomats*, formerly *Black Diplomats* podcast. In his pivot to video, he gives viewers a human-focused look into the daily lives of Ukrainians mainstream media tend not to cover. He also reports from other places around the world, taking on subjects such as racism, Black diasporas, politics and other issues.

Terrell's sixteen years in journalism include stints as *FUSION*'s national political correspondent covering the 2016 presidential campaign. From 2017 to 2021 he served as *The Root*'s national political correspondent. Among the many notable interview subjects, he interviewed while covering the 2020 presidential race and the 2018 midterm elections include political powerhouses Kamala Harris, Stacey Abrams, Bernie, Sanders, and Elizabeth Warren. Before that, he was a senior reporter at *Foxtrot Alpha*, a site that focuses on military, technology, and policy. He is also a contributor to *Foreign Policy* magazine, the *Washington Post*, *Outrider*, and *O, the Oprah Magazine*.

Terrell was in Kyiv when the Russian invasion of Ukraine began in 2022 and his live, on-the-ground video stories for television networks such as CNN, MSNBC, and Al Jazeera introduced his unique style of reporting to millions of people around the globe.

As a Peace Corps volunteer in Georgia from 2003 to 2005, Terrell witnessed the Rose Revolution that peacefully ousted Eduard Shevardnadze in favor of Mikhail Saakashvilli; he was also a Georgian language student in the capital of Tbilisi in 2008 when Russia invaded the country. Terrell lived in Ukraine as a Fulbright fellow and a freelance journalist from 2009 to 2010, during which time he produced a photojournalism project on the lives of Black Ukrainians.

Terrell has a master's degree in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies where his work focused on the EU's integration of former communist states and a second master's in Journalism from the University of Illinois. He earned his bachelor's degree in English at Philander Smith College, a historically Black college in Little Rock, Arkansas.

While he is based in Brooklyn, New York, Terrell spends much of his time in Ukraine and regularly travels to Central Asia and Western Europe for reporting assignments. Please find him on Twitter at [@terrelljstarr](#) and join his 300,000-plus followers and on Instagram [@terrelljstarr](#).

Kieran McLoughlin



Kieran McLoughlin is Co-Founder and CEO of VentureWave Capital which has established Ireland's first Impact Investing funds - Impact Ireland. In addition to its two Irish funds, VWC has just launched a US based fund, Impact Ireland USA.

The funds invest in companies which are scaled from Ireland and which seek to deliver a market return for investors along with a benefit to society. The funds' Global Advisory Council is chaired by former Taoiseach, Enda Kenny.

Kieran is also Chairman of the Board of NoFrixion. This is an Irish based FinTech providing a direct payments platform which is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland.

Kieran has been involved in many initiatives to support peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland for 25 years starting with organising the Peace International Rugby match in 1996 through his ten year term as CEO of the Ireland Funds.

Currently Kieran is a board member of the John and Pat Hume Foundation for Peaceful Change.



Ambassador (ret.) Marie Yovanovitch

Marie Yovanovitch is a Senior Fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and a non-Resident Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Georgetown University. Previously, she served as the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine (2016-2019), the Republic of Armenia (2008-2011) and the Kyrgyz Republic (2005-2008).

She also served as the Dean of the School of Language Studies at the Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State and as the Deputy Commandant and International Advisor at the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University.

Earlier she served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, where she coordinated policy on European and global security issues. Before that, she was the bureau's Deputy Assistant Secretary responsible for issues related to the Nordic, Baltic, and Central European countries.

In 2003-2004, Ambassador Yovanovitch was the Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs. Prior to that, she was the Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine. Within the Department of State, Ambassador Yovanovitch has worked on the Russia desk, the Office of European Security Affairs, and the Operations Center. She has also worked overseas at the U.S. Embassies in Moscow, London, Ottawa, and Mogadishu.

A Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Ambassador Yovanovitch has earned the Senior Foreign Service Performance Award eight times and the State Department's Superior Honor Award on nine occasions. She is also the recipient of two Presidential Distinguished Service Awards and the Secretary's Diplomacy in Human Rights Award.

Following her retirement in 2020, Ambassador Yovanovitch received the Trainor Award for Excellence in the Conduct of Diplomacy from Georgetown University, the inaugural Richard G. Lugar Award from Indiana University, the 2020 PEN/Benenson Courage Award from Pen/America, the Morgenthau Award from the Armenian Assembly of America, the American Spirit Award for Distinguished Public Service from the Common Good, and the Paul H. Douglas Award for Ethics in Government.

Ambassador Yovanovitch is a graduate of Princeton University where she earned a BA in History and Russian Studies. She studied at the Pushkin Institute and received an MS from the National Defense University.

Admiral James G. Stavridis



Admiral James Stavridis is Vice Chair, Global Affairs of The Carlyle Group and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation, following five years as the 12th Dean of The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

A retired 4-star officer in the U.S. Navy, he led the NATO Alliance in global operations from 2009 to 2013 as Supreme Allied Commander with responsibility for Afghanistan, Libya, the Balkans, Syria, counter piracy, and cyber security.

A retired 4-star officer in the U.S. Navy, he led the NATO Alliance in global operations from 2009 to 2013 as Supreme Allied Commander with responsibility for He also served as Commander of U.S. Southern Command, with responsibility for all military operations in Latin America from 2006-2009. He earned more than 50 medals, including 28 from foreign nations in his 37-year military career.

Earlier in his military career he commanded the top ship in the Atlantic Fleet, winning the Battenberg Cup, as well as a squadron of destroyers and a carrier strike group – all in combat. In 2016, he was vetted for Vice President by Hillary Clinton and subsequently invited to Trump Tower to discuss a cabinet position in the Trump Administration.

Admiral Stavridis earned a PhD in international relations and has published twelve books and hundreds of articles in leading journals around the world, including the recent novel "2034: A Novel of the Next World War," which was a New York Times bestseller and "To Risk It All: Nine Conflicts and The Crucible of Decision."

His 2012 TED talk on global security has close to one million views. Admiral Stavridis is a Bloomberg Opinion columnist and Chief International Security Analyst for NBC News.



Jacqueline Adams

Jacqueline Adams launched a second career as a communications strategist after more than two decades as an Emmy Award winning CBS News correspondent. A natural "connector," she has the unique ability to hear clients' strategic concerns and find creative solutions, drawing upon her wealth of contacts and experiences in media, business, academic and civic circles.

Through her boutique consulting firm, J Adams: Strategic Communications, LLC, she counsels a variety of corporate and non-profit clients. She is a co-founder of the training program for rising star managers of color, The Diverse Future.

In 2020, she co-authored, "A Blessing: Women of Color Teaming Up to Lead, Empower and Thrive" as well as the subsequent Executive Summaries for the 2019, 2020, and 2021 proprietary surveys, "U.S Women of Color in Business: Cross Generational Survey©."

In 2020 and 2021, Ms. Adams wrote a series of essays for The Christian Science Monitor. In 2022, she wrote a series of Climate Story blogs for the Harvard Business School Business and Environment Initiative.

At CBS News, Ms. Adams covered the groundbreaking campaigns of Jesse Jackson for President and Geraldine Ferraro for Vice President before spending five years as a White House correspondent during the Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush administrations. In the 1990s, she was a prolific contributor to the CBS Evening News with Dan Rather and CBS News Sunday Morning. She won a News and Documentary Emmy Award for the 48 Hours broadcast, "The Search for Matthew."

A graduate of Harvard Business School, Ms. Adams deliberately saves time for a number of non-profit activities in the arts, education and foreign policy sectors. Currently, she serves on the Board of Directors of the Harvard Business School Club of New York and was among the alumnae profiled during the school's 50th anniversary celebrations of women and African-American students. She is a trustee of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy.

Ms. Adams is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the International Advisory Committee of the United States Institute of Peace, and the Advisory Council of the Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream. She is a patron of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and is beginning a tenth year of studies of classical composers at the Juilliard School of Music's Extension Division and jazz icons at Jazz at Lincoln Center's Swing U.

Ambassador (ret.) Susan Elliott

Ambassador (ret.) Susan M. Elliott is President & CEO of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, a position she assumed in August 2018.

Ambassador Elliott is an accomplished diplomat who held a variety of leadership positions at the U.S. Department of State during her 27 year career as a Foreign Service officer. From 2015 to 2017, Ambassador Elliott served as the Civilian Deputy and Foreign Policy Advisor to the Commander of the United States European Command.

Ambassador Elliott was the U.S. Ambassador to Tajikistan from 2012 to 2015. Prior to her Ambassadorial appointment, she served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

Ambassador Elliott worked in a variety of overseas and Washington-based assignments. Her previous overseas assignments include Moscow, Russia (twice); Belfast, Northern Ireland; Athens, Greece; and Lima, Peru. In Washington, Ambassador Elliott worked on the staff of former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Earlier in her career she reported on conflicts in the countries of the former Soviet Union when she worked in the Office of the Coordinator for Regional Conflicts in the New Independent States.



Dr. Nancy Walbridge Collins

Nancy Walbridge Collins is dedicated to U.S. national security, defense leadership, and military technology.

She serves as the chair of Defense and Security Studies at Columbia University. Since joining the university in 2004, she has taught security studies and contemporary history, advised graduate capstones, and directed a research institute in regional studies.

Dr. Collins is committed to public service, undertaking her first assignment in 1992. She serves as a senior advisor in the U.S. Department of Defense, focusing on national mission priorities and leadership assessment. She has overseen programs, activities, and special projects with the Intelligence Community, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Special Operations Forces.

She is the author of *Grey Wars* (Yale University Press), an analysis of America's shifting forms of warfare. Her essays and commentaries appear in a range of publications, including *Forbes*, *The New York Times*, *TIME*, *U.S. News & World Report*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. Her upcoming book, *America's Edge*, focuses on how the nation builds strategic technology, and her forthcoming series, *The Future Fight*, analyzes America's accelerating investments in national security.

Dr. Collins is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the U.S. Commission on Military History. She has served as a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council, at Georgetown University, and at West Point. She is a recipient of the Dirksen Congressional Center Award and the NCAFP 21st Century Leader Award. She attended the Loomis Chaffee School and later served on its board of trustees for a decade. She received a BA from Georgetown University and an MA and a PhD from the University of London, where she was named the Thornley Fellow.

Since her first circuit competition in 1989, Collins has pursued speed on the water, on tracks, and in the air. She has raced in all fifty U.S. states and more than seventy countries.

Over the past three decades, Collins has received fellowships and grants from, among others, the University of Chicago, Harvard University, the Rockefeller Foundation, and Yale University.

Loretta Brennan Glucksman

Loretta Brennan Glucksman has been involved in philanthropic endeavors for more than three decades, focusing on education, the arts, health care and peace initiatives in both the United States and Ireland, a passion she shared with her late husband Lew Glucksman.

Loretta is the Chairman Emeritus of The Ireland Funds America, where she served as its Chairman for over 20 years before stepping down in December 2013. During that time, The Ireland Funds exceeded its goal of raising \$100 million under the Promising Ireland Campaign and reset the target to \$200 million.



Loretta is Co-Chair of Glucksman Ireland House founded in 1993, the center for Irish Studies at New York University, and she serves on the Board of Arts and Sciences at NYU. She also serves on the Board of the University of Limerick Foundation. Loretta is a long-time staunch supporter of FACES (Finding A Cure for Epilepsy and Seizures), which is affiliated with the NYU Langone Medical Center.

Lew and Loretta established the Glucksman Chair of English and American Letters at NYU, and the Glucksman Chair of Irish and Scottish Studies at the University of Aberdeen. In 2002, University College Cork officially opened the Lewis Glucksman Gallery; in 2001, Lew and Loretta established the Map Conservation Library at Trinity College, Dublin; and in 1998 they helped build the Glucksman Library at University Limerick.

In Ireland, Loretta served on numerous boards including IDA Ireland (national private sector economic development), The National Gallery of Ireland, The National Library, The National Concert Hall, The Abbey Theatre, Trinity College, University College Cork, The Royal College of Surgeons, Smurfit School of Business at the University of Dublin, and Cork Airport Authority.

In 2002, Loretta was conferred an Honorary Commander of the British Empire by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the highest honor for a non-British citizen, for her work toward peace in Northern Ireland. She also received honorary degrees from the Universities of Scranton, Fairfield, Trinity, Cork and Queens College in Belfast and she is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Irish Academy, The Royal Dublin Society and the Royal Irish Academy of Music.

Loretta was a teacher of third and fifth grade and a lecturer in English Literature at several universities. She was a television producer and on-air host for news and public affairs with PBS. She was elected Grand Marshal of the Rainbow Parade for LGBT Association in 2016 and Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Parade in 2017.

Loretta is grateful to her three children, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Elliot Ackerman



Elliot Ackerman is the New York Times bestselling author of the novels *Halcyon*, *2034*, *Red Dress In Black and White*, *Waiting for Eden*, *Dark at the Crossing*, and *Green on Blue*, as well as the memoir *The Fifth Act: America's End in Afghanistan*, and *Places and Names: On War, Revolution and Returning*.

His books have been nominated for the National Book Award, the Andrew Carnegie Medal in both fiction and nonfiction, and the Dayton Literary Peace Prize among others.

He is a contributing writer at *The Atlantic* and Marine veteran who served five tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, where he received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star for Valor, and the Purple Heart.

He divides his time between New York City and Washington, D.C.

Jeffrey R. Shafer



Jeffrey R. Shafer is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy. He is a Member of the Management Board of S&P Global Ratings. From 2011 to 2019 he provided advice on economic and political developments as principal of JRSHAFER INSIGHT.

From 1997 to 2011 he was Vice Chairman of Global Banking in Citigroup and predecessor institutions. He served as Senior Asia Pacific Officer in New York.

Prior to this, he established and headed Citi's Economic and Political Strategies Group. Still earlier in his fourteen years with Citi he worked with governments in Asia, Latin America and Europe on financial stabilization, liability management, debt issuance and privatization.

From 1993 to 1997, Mr. Shafer was Assistant Secretary and subsequently Under Secretary of the U.S. Treasury for International Affairs. At the Treasury Department, he focused on strengthening economic growth and financial stability in both developed and developing countries, fostering financial market development and liberalization, and strengthening the IMF and multilateral development banks. He was also responsible for the inter-agency CFIUS process to review foreign investment in the United States.

From 1984 until 1993, Mr. Shafer held a series of high-level positions at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Prior to the OECD, he served with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Federal Reserve Board and the Council of Economic Advisors.

He served as an officer with the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam in 1967-68 and was awarded the bronze star with "V" device and oak leaf cluster.

Mr. Shafer holds a B.A. in Economics from Princeton University and M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees in Economics from Yale University. He has taught at Princeton, Columbia, Carnegie Mellon and Yale Universities.

In addition to his role with the NCAFP, he is a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations.



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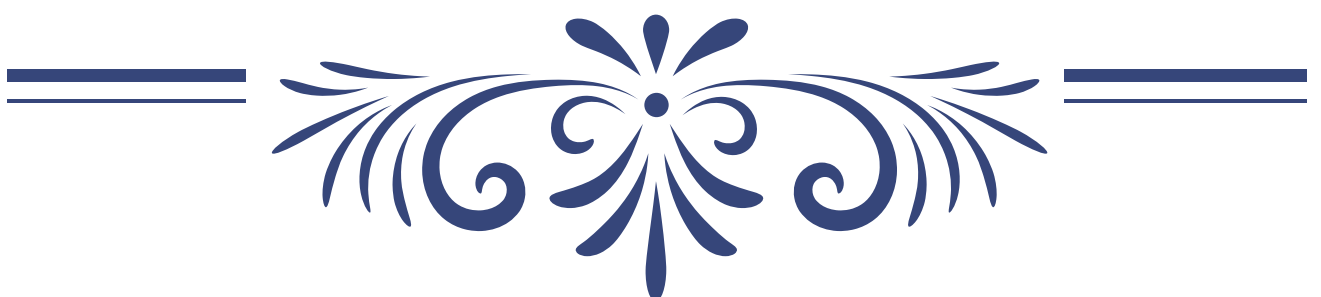


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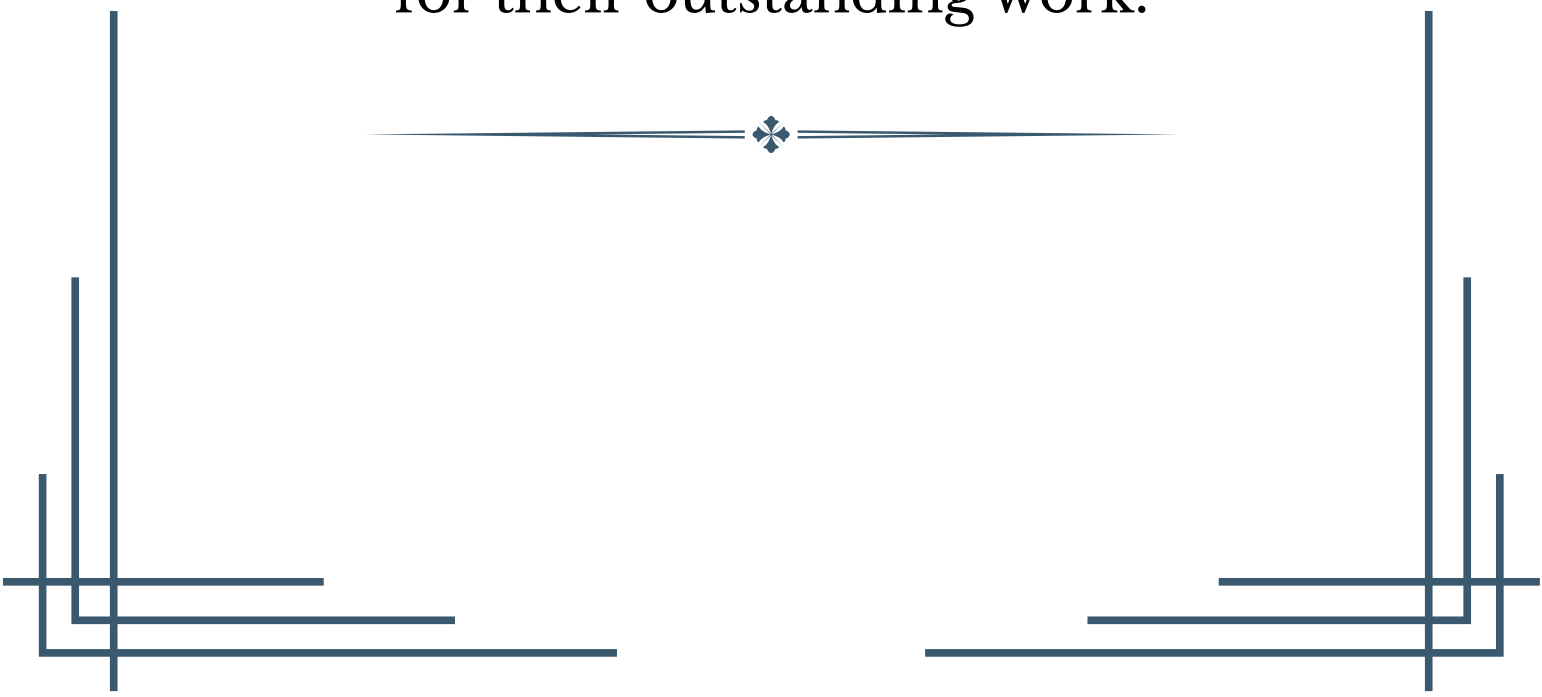
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