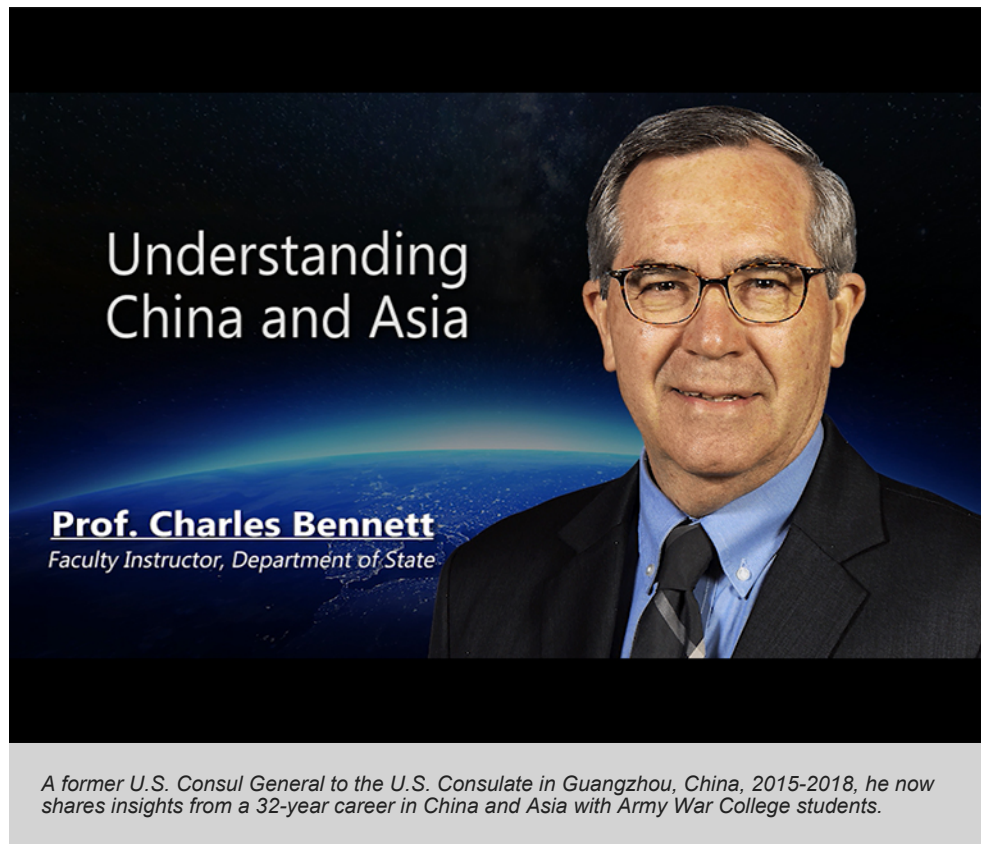


Bennett shares insights from 32-year Foreign Service career

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CARLISLE, Pa. (Feb. 27, 2019) – A former U.S. Consul General to the U.S. Consulate in Guangzhou, China, 2015-2018, a faculty instructor at the Army War College now guides his students with insights from a 32-year career in China and Asia.

Prof. Charles Bennett, foreign service officer with the Department of State, is a member of the faculty team for core courses on the “Theory of War and Strategy” and “National Security Policy and Strategy.” Additionally, he developed and will teach “Diplomacy in the 21st Century” as an elective course. The elective provides an overview of how the U.S. conducts diplomacy, how the Department of State works with other U.S. government agencies and departments to carry out diplomacy, and how he envisions the future of U.S. diplomacy.

in the course of my career, as is true of many Foreign Service Officers, I focused much of my attention and my assignments on a specific area, and for me, that was Asia, specifically China and South East Asia,” said Bennett. “Over the course of that 32-year career I spent about two-thirds of my time working in mainland China or in Taiwan, and the rest of the time in nations surrounding China, Viet Nam, Thailand and the Philippines.”

While in Asia, Bennett assisted with the evacuation of U.S. citizens in Thailand after the devastating tsunami that followed an earthquake in the Indian Ocean on Dec. 26, 2004.

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