



# CHUCK HAGEL FORUM

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## THE ROLE OF U.S. LEADERSHIP IN A CHANGING WORLD

**The Hon. Avril Haines**

Former U.S. Director of National Intelligence

## MODERATED Q&A

WITH AUDIENCE QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE

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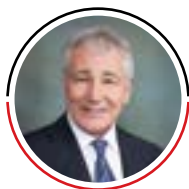
Avril Haines most recently served as the U.S. Director of National Intelligence (DNI). In this position, Haines was a member of the Cabinet, led the United States Intelligence Community, which consists of 18 different elements, and served as the principal intelligence adviser to the President of the United States.

Over the course of her career, Haines has served in intelligence, policy, and legal roles across the U.S. government, including as assistant to the president and principal deputy national security advisor, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency and legal adviser to the National Security Council.

Haines also served in academia, as a senior research scholar at Columbia University and a senior fellow at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

She received her bachelor's degree in physics from the University of Chicago, received a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center, and founded and ran a bookstore café for five years while engaged in community service in Baltimore.

She was additionally appointed by the president in 2017 to be a member of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service, and has served on a number of boards and advisory groups over the years, including the Nuclear Threat Initiative's Bio Advisory Group, the Board of Trustees for the Vodafone Foundation, and the Refugees International Advisory Council.



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## The Honorable Chuck Hagel

Chuck Hagel was the 24th Secretary of Defense, serving from February 2013 to February 2015. He is the only Vietnam veteran and the first enlisted combat veteran to serve as Secretary of Defense.

Hagel's current commitments include service on the Board of Trustees of RAND; Advisory Board of Corsair Capital; Chairman, Veterans Justice Commission; Senior Advisor to the McCarthy Group; Centennial Scholar, Georgetown Walsh School of Foreign Service; Distinguished Scholar, University of Nebraska at Omaha; Distinguished Statesman at the Atlantic Council; Board of Directors of Public Broadcasting Service (PBS); Director and Founding Member of the American Security Project; Advisory Board Chairman of the HillVets Veterans Organization; Board of Visitors of West Point Military Academy; and Board of Directors of U.S./Middle East Peace Project.

Hagel served two terms in the United States Senate (1997-2009) representing the state of Nebraska. Hagel was a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; and Intelligence Committees. He Chaired the Foreign Relations International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion Subcommittee; and the Banking Committee's International Trade and Finance, and Securities Subcommittees. Hagel also served as the Chairman of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China and the Senate Climate Change Observer Group and Co-Chairman of President Obama's President's Intelligence Advisory Board.

Secretary Hagel was a Distinguished Professor at Georgetown University and Chairman of the Atlantic Council. He served as a member of the Secretary of Defense's Policy Board, Secretary of Energy's Blue-Ribbon Commission on the Future of Nuclear Power, Systemic Risk Council Board of Directors; and as a member of the Board of Directors of Chevron.

Prior to his election to the U.S. Senate, Hagel was president of McCarthy & Company, an investment banking firm in Omaha, Nebraska. In the mid-1980s, Hagel co-founded VANGUARD Cellular Systems, Inc., a publicly traded corporation. He was President and CEO of the World USO, Private Sector Council (PSC), and Chief Operating Officer of the 1990 Economic Summit of Industrialized Nations (G-7 Summit).

Hagel also served as Deputy Administrator of the Veterans Administration under President Ronald Reagan and Deputy Commissioner General of the 1982 World's Fair.

He is the author of the book, *America: Our Next Chapter* and he and his brother Tom were the subject of a 2018 book by General Daniel Bolger titled *Our Year of War*, and a 2006 book by Charlyne Berens titled *Chuck Hagel: Moving Forward*.

He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha.



Peter Kiewit Distinguished Professor, Political Science

## Jody Neathery-Castro, Ph.D.

Jody Neathery-Castro, Ph.D. is the Peter Kiewit Distinguished Professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She is a professor of political science with interdisciplinary appointments in international studies, human rights, and women's and gender studies.

Neathery-Castro has served in several university leadership roles at UNO including Associate Vice Chancellor for Global Engagement, Director of the School of Music, Chair of the UNO Department of Political Science, Director of the UNO Internationalization Lab, and Coordinator of the UNO American Democracy Project.

She is a champion for community-engaged teaching and research. She is a National Strategic Research Institute (NSRI) Fellow and an instructor and mentor for US STRATCOM's Strategic Leadership Fellows Program. She is a leader in procuring external funding at UNO, currently serving as the principal investigator and Director of the US State Department-funded Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) on Civic Engagement at UNO.

Neathery-Castro holds regional expertise in European politics and her research and teaching examine international relations, comparative politics, and security studies. Her pedagogical research focuses on global engagement, study abroad, and civic education. She holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University and master's and Ph.D. degrees from Rice University.



## CHUCK HAGEL FORUM

The Chuck Hagel Forum in Global Leadership explores critical issues with global leaders in search of solutions to today's global challenges. This series provides the UNO community with an opportunity to engage with Sec. Hagel and global leaders, policymakers, and thinkers.

Hagel said he believes that those who have had the privilege of serving this country through public service owe it to the community and future generations to inform and engage them about leadership, their future, and things that will be important for them going forward. Hagel is a graduate of UNO, and the university is a natural forum in which he can share these opportunities with students and the greater community.

The Chuck Hagel Forum in Global Leadership is the second series launched by Sec. Hagel in partnership with UNO in recent years, acting as a complement to the Chuck Hagel Symposium in Public Service. The symposium, first hosted in 2018, connects hundreds of high school students from the greater Omaha metropolitan area with university and community experts in a variety of fields, all sharing their perspectives on public service.

Hagel said a leader's job is to leave the institution you came from better than you found it, and he has exemplified this through his continued relationship with UNO.

## Atlantic Council

This year's forum is hosted again in partnership with the Atlantic Council, a nonpartisan organization that galvanizes U.S. leadership and engagement in the world, in partnership with allies and partners, to shape solutions to global challenges.

Secretary Hagel was Chairman of the Atlantic Council from February 2009 to February 2013, and currently is a Distinguished Statesman, serving as a member of the Council's International Advisory Board.



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