

# Christopher J. Gunning

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## Biography

Chris Gunning arrived in Winnipeg, Manitoba on August 27, 2014, to take up the post of Consul and Principal Officer at the U.S. Consulate. As such, he will advance and explain the interest and goals of the United States to the residents of Manitoba, and report their views and issues to the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa and to Washington. His expected tour of duty is three years.

Chris is a career diplomat since 2002, and served overseas in Bangladesh, Japan, Gabon (also accredited to Sao Tomé and Príncipe) and most recently in Sri Lanka (also accredited to Maldives). In Colombo, Sri Lanka Chris served as the Deputy Chief of Political Affairs, and the Maldives Unit Coordinator.

Chris was born in Illinois, but grew up in Dallas, Texas (which remains his home). He graduated from Mississippi State University with a BA in Political Science, Japanese and Criminology, and did graduate-level coursework in Political Science and History at the University of North Texas. He speaks French, Japanese, Bangla, and Texan with varying degrees of proficiency.

Chris has numerous personal connections to the Manitoba region. His wife, Tracie Gunning, is a native Manitoban. Chris and Tracie were married in Winnipeg, and their two daughters, Elliot and Hadley, were born in the RM of Stanley.

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