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## **The American Geographical Society Announces Ambassador Samantha Power to Keynote the 2019 AGS Fall Symposium**

*Description: The American Geographical Society (AGS) announced Ambassador Samantha Power will be a keynote speaker for the 2019 AGS Fall Symposium, Geography 2050: Borders and a Borderless World.*

[New York City, NY] – [August 6, 2019] — The American Geographical Society (AGS) announced Ambassador Samantha Power will be a keynote speaker for the 2019 AGS Fall Symposium, Geography 2050: Borders and a Borderless World. Ambassador Power will give her keynote presentation on Friday, November 22, 2019 at Columbia University.

Ambassador Power is a Professor of Practice at the Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Law School. From 2013 to 2017, Ambassador Power served as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and a member of President Obama’s cabinet. From 2009 to 2013, she served on the National Security Council as Special Assistant to the President for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights. She earned a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. Ambassador Power began her career as a war correspondent, reporting from places such as Bosnia, East Timor, Kosovo, Rwanda, Sudan, and Zimbabwe. She was the founding executive director of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at the Kennedy School. Her book, *“A Problem from Hell: America and the Age of Genocide”* won the Pulitzer Prize in 2003. She is also the author of the New York Times bestseller *“Chasing the Flame: Sergio Vieira de Mello and the Fight to Save the World.”* Ambassador Power is currently writing a memoir, *“The Education of an Idealist,”* due out in September 2019. Power earned a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

"Samantha Power offers keen insights into the future geopolitical order. As a Senior Director at the National Security Council and then the Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Power was at the forefront of the American and global response to the refugee crisis, nuclear proliferation concerns, and countless other issues that impact us at the border and across our increasingly globalizing world." commented Symposium Chairman, Dr. Wesley Reisser. He added, "She has dedicated her life to public service and education. Ambassador Power will offer incredible insight into where we are headed globally and as a nation across the many themes we are discussing at Geography 2050."



*Ambassador Samantha Power*

For more information and registration for the Fall Symposium, go to [www.geography2050.org](http://www.geography2050.org)

The American Geographical Society (AGS) is a 21st-century learning society dedicated to the advancement of geographic thinking, knowledge, and understanding across business, government, academe, social sectors, and most importantly with teachers and students. Established in 1851, AGS is the oldest professional geographical organization in the United States. It is recognized worldwide as a pioneer in geographical research and education for over 168 years. The mission of AGS is to advance and promote geography in business, government, science, and education. Our goal is to enhance the nation's geographic literacy to engender sound public policy, national security, and human well-being worldwide. AGS seeks to engage the American public, from its youngest to its oldest citizens, with new and amazing ways to understand and characterize our changing world. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.

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