

Joseph Tordella

Title: Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer

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Biography in Brief

Mr. Tordella is a U.S. diplomat helping to strengthen cultural, professional, educational, and people-to-people ties between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines. As the Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Manila, he helps to manage exchange programs that bring Filipinos to the United States on professional and educational visits to share ideas with their peers and learn about America. He also helps coordinate the visits of American artists, musicians, academics, and other professionals coming to the Philippines to share their skills with Philippine audiences across the country. Together with his colleagues, he also helps implement a variety of programs promoting English language study, American studies, conflict mitigation, and leadership development.

Before arriving in the Philippines, Mr. Tordella worked in cultural affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv, Israel, and as Vice Consul at the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He joined the U.S. Foreign Service in April 2007 after working for several years in the private sector.

Mr. Tordella is originally from New Jersey and has a home in Florida. He has a master's degree from the London School of Economics in the United Kingdom and an undergraduate degree from American University in Washington, DC. He speaks Arabic and is learning Tagalog.