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parlerà di

“15 Years as a U.S. Diplomat”

Saluti iniziali del Rettore della Didattica, Prof. Stefania Maci
e del Presidente del Consiglio di Corso di studi in LLEP, Prof. Marina Dossena

Mr. Christopher Wurst assumed the position of Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Milan, Italy in June, 2014.

Mr. Wurst is from Minnesota and joined the United States Foreign Service in 2002. Before coming to Milan he was Public Affairs Officer in Ljubljana, Slovenia; Lusaka, Zambia; Deputy Public Affairs Officer in Chennai, India; and Vice Consul in Guatemala City, Guatemala. He also spent time in Islamabad, Pakistan, giving public affairs assistance to the American Mission following the 2005 earthquake disaster. Mr. Wurst has been awarded one Superior Honor and four Meritorious Honor Awards since joining the Foreign Service. In 2007, while in Lusaka, he received the worldwide Public Affairs Award from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). In 2012, he was nominated as Cultural Expat of the year by *Slovenian Times* magazine.

Mr. Wurst holds a Master's degree in Education and a Bachelor's degree in Creative Writing and History from the University of Minnesota, in Minneapolis. He also studied literature at Birmingham University in England.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service he was a high school history and literature teacher, in Minnesota and South Africa. Mr. Wurst has had a variety of writing jobs, including contributing scriptwriter for *Mystery Science Theater 3000*, a nationally televised comedy program. As a photographer, Mr. Wurst has had exhibitions in four different countries and has published numerous photographs.

Mr. Wurst is married to Kjara Wurst, a Slovenian choreographer.

Participants in the discussion: Simonetta Romagnolo (American Consulate in Milan), Paolo Barcella, Bruno Cartosio, Marina Dossena and Stefano Rosso (University of Bergamo).