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Ambassador Lemmon joined the Near East South Asia Center faculty in October 2008 as a Distinguished Professor after serving 34 years with the Department of State as a career Foreign Service Officer. In October 2009 he was named Director of the Regional Network of Strategic Studies Centers of which NESA is one of five Co-Sponsors together with institutions in Jordan, Turkey, Pakistan and India. The RNSSC is composed of some 30 strategic studies centers across North Africa, the Middle East and South Asia and promotes strategic thinking and an exchange of diverse perspectives on the region through active dialogue, collaborative research and published analyses to inform policy makers and the academic strategic community.

Previously Ambassador Lemmon was on the faculty of the National War College from 2005-2008 and served as Deputy Commandant and International Affairs Advisor his final year. While on the NWC Faculty, he developed and taught a new two-semester elective on “Understanding Islam and Islamic Worldviews” and helped introduce a new course on “Arabic Cultural Literacy.” Ambassador Lemmon and has been a member of DOD’s National Security Education Program (NSEP) “Flagship Language Taskforce;” NSEP’s Boren Fellows National Selection Committee; the National Academies of Science Committee Review of Title VI and Fulbright-Hays International Education Programs; and the Committee on Economic Development study group on U.S. business needs in these areas. He is a Board Member of a newly-established non-profit the Language Flagship Group.

Ambassador Lemmon received both his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in International Relations and Comparative Government from the University of Virginia.

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