

# GRANT T. HARRIS

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## **EMPLOYMENT** **Connect Frontier LLC** ([www.connect-frontier.com](http://www.connect-frontier.com))

*Chief Executive Officer, 2015 to present*

Advise companies, universities, and non-profits on strategy, policy, and political risk with respect to doing business in emerging and frontier markets. Clients have included infrastructure developers, agricultural companies, energy companies, law firms, tech startups at various stages of growth, U.S. universities ranging from Ivy League to public schools, non-profits, the United Nations, and other organizations that work in numerous sectors and countries. The company was previously Harris Africa Partners LLC.

**National Security Council, The White House**, Washington, D.C.

*Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs, 2011 to 2015*

Served as the President's senior advisor on sub-Saharan Africa. Initiated and coordinated U.S. policies toward sub-Saharan Africa, including political, economic, and security matters. Conceived of and was a primary lead in implementing the historic U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit, which generated \$37 billion in new commitments to support trade, investment, and development across Africa. Initiated and coordinated the Doing Business in Africa Campaign, to encourage greater U.S. trade and investment; launched the President's Young African Leaders Initiative, to support emerging leaders; and conceived and was the primary architect of the *U.S. Strategy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa*.

**U.S. Mission to the United Nations**, Washington, D.C.

*Deputy Chief of Staff and Counselor; Senior Policy Advisor, 2009 to 2011*

Advised Ambassador Susan E. Rice on issues related to Sudan and East Asia. Assisted with management of the Mission.

**Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP**, New York, NY

*Associate, 2005 to 2009*

Counseled and assisted clients with respect to international business transactions, primarily in Latin America. Represented Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 companies, including in a \$700 million acquisition named a "Deal of the Year" by *Latin Lawyer Magazine*.

**National Security Council, The White House**, Washington, D.C.

Coordinated U.S. policy on issues with respect to central and southern Africa.

**U.S. Mission to the United Nations**, Washington, D.C.

Advised Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke and his Deputy on issues related to Africa and Latin America.

## **EDUCATION** **YALE LAW SCHOOL**, J.D.

- Ambrose Gherini Prize for best paper in field of International Law
- *Yale Journal of International Law*, Editor

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**, Woodrow Wilson School, M.P.A., International Relations

- Qualified with Distinction

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY**, B.A., Political Science

- *Summa cum laude*
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship
- John Gardner Public Service Fellowship
- Student Body President

## TEACHING

- Adjunct Professor of Global Management at Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University (teaching “Strategic Challenges in Emerging Markets”)
- Lecturer at Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley (teaching “Doing Business in Emerging Markets”)
- Lecturer, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University (taught “Political Risk Analysis”)

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- “To Grow Jobs, Washington Must Fight for U.S. Companies Abroad,” *Atlantic Council* (2020)
- “How to Brief a Senior Executive,” *Harvard Business Review* (2020)
- “How Investors Can Navigate Pandemic-Related Risk in Emerging Markets,” *Harvard Business Review* (2020)
- “Leaders of Developing Countries Are Particularly Vulnerable During this Pandemic,” *The Washington Post* (2020)
- “How Vladimir Putin is outplaying the U.S. in Africa,” *The Washington Post* (2019)
- “Why Every University Needs an Africa Strategy,” *Inside Higher Ed* (2019)
- “The Perils of Chinese Debt Diplomacy,” *Wilson Center* (2019)
- “How Trump’s ‘Victory’ Became Kim’s Triumph,” *Project Syndicate* (2019)
- “Trump’s Africa Policy Is Destined for Failure,” *Foreign Affairs* (2019)
- “The U.S. is Punishing Rwanda for Rejecting Our Old Jeans and T-Shirts. It’s a Shortsighted Move,” *The Washington Post* (2018)
- “China Is Loaning Billions of Dollars to African Countries. Here’s Why the U.S. Should Be Worried,” *TIME* (2018)
- “In Africa, It’s Not Just China Eating America’s Lunch,” *Wilson Center* (2018)
- “Trump’s Militaristic Africa Policy Will Backfire,” *Foreign Policy* (2018)
- “The Key to Stopping an Outbreak,” *U.S. News & World Report* (2018)
- “Why U.S. Companies Need to Include Africa in Their Global Growth Strategies,” *Initiative for Global Development* (2018)
- “Stop the Ghost of ISIS from Haunting Africa,” *U.S. News & World Report* (2018)
- “Challenging North Korea,” *Wilson Center* (2018)
- “End Africa’s Lifeline to North Korea,” *U.S. News & World Report* (2018)
- “The U.S. Needs Real Diplomacy to Counter North Korea in Africa,” *Foreign Policy* (2017)
- “Ignoring Africa Endangers America,” *U.S. News & World Report* (2017)
- “By Ignoring Africa, U.S. Cedes Jobs To China,” *Forbes* (2017)
- “Where Trump Fails on US-Africa Policy, Congress Must Step In,” *The Hill* (2017)
- “Will African Leaders Allow Youth To Make The World A Better Place?” *HuffPost SA* (2017)
- “Why Africa Matters to U.S. National Security,” *The Atlantic Council* (2017)
- “Obama Stakes His Africa Legacy On Economic Growth,” *Forbes* (2017)
- “Why Africa Matters to U.S. National Security,” *Pouvoirs d’Afrique* (2017)
- “U.S. Investors Are Missing Out On Africa’s Economic Growth,” *Forbes* (2016)
- “It’s Time for U.S. Companies to See Africa as an Investment Destination,” *Initiative for Global Development* (2016)
- “A Global Stage for Africa’s Rising Tech Entrepreneurs,” *Wilson Center* (2016)
- “A Legacy in the Making: Obama’s Approach to Security Sector Assistance,” *The Cipher Brief* (2016)
- “The Imperative of African Leadership: Fulfilling the Continent’s Massive Potential,” *Horizons* (2016)
- “Human Rights, Israel, and the Political Realities of Occupation,” *Israel Law Review* (2008)
- “The Era of Multilateral Occupation,” *Berkeley Journal of International Law* (2006)
- Note, “The CIA Mandate and the War on Terror,” *Yale Law & Policy Review* (2005)

## BOARDS

- *United States Holocaust Memorial Council* (2017-2019). Appointed by President Obama to serve on the governing board of trustees of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.
- *Africa Finance Corporation* (2016-2018). Independent director on the board of an international multilateral finance institution with a balance sheet size of approximately \$3.2 billion that invests in infrastructure assets across Africa.
- *World Learning Inc.* (2017 to present). Serve on Global Advisory Council of a nonprofit organization advancing leadership in over 100 countries.

## SELECT AWARDS

- Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, U.C. Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies (2010)
- Francis Lieber Prize for outstanding scholarship, American Society of International Law (2009)

## MEDIA

- Quoted widely in U.S. and international media, including in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Financial Times*, and other publications; see [www.connect-frontier.com](http://www.connect-frontier.com)

## SPEAKING EVENTS

- Have spoken across the country at numerous business associations, universities, and think tanks; see [www.connect-frontier.com](http://www.connect-frontier.com)