



Chermak Joins USC Center on Public Diplomacy as Public Diplomat in Residence

LOS ANGELES – August 24, 2007 – Anne Chermak, Minister Counselor for Public Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin and chairperson of the German-American Fulbright commission, will be joining the USC Center on Public Diplomacy at the Annenberg School as public diplomat-in-residence for the 2007-2008 term.

"We are delighted that Ms. Chermak will be joining us and thankful to the State Department for their continued support for this program," said Joshua Fouts, director of the Center. "Ms. Chermak's public diplomacy efforts throughout her career have received well-deserved praise and attention from the media for being unique and innovative. We are looking forward to working with her and learning from her insights from the field."

Since joining the U.S. Foreign Service in 1975, Chermak has served for more than 30 years in six different countries: Spain, Yugoslavia, Italy, Bulgaria, Germany and Russia. Her regional specialty is Eastern Europe.

Chermak will be the Center's second diplomat-in-residence, following the first occupant Stephen Seche.

"The public diplomat in residence is a really vital part of the Master's degree here, and Anne is a worthy successor to the first occupant of the chair, Steve Seche," said Nicholas Cull, director of the Master of Public Diplomacy program. "It is just wonderful that a diplomat with Anne's experience and caliber will be joining the faculty for the Master's program in Public Diplomacy."

Chermak will be teaching Global Issues in Public Diplomacy in the fall semester and Regional Public Diplomacy: Eastern Europe in the spring.