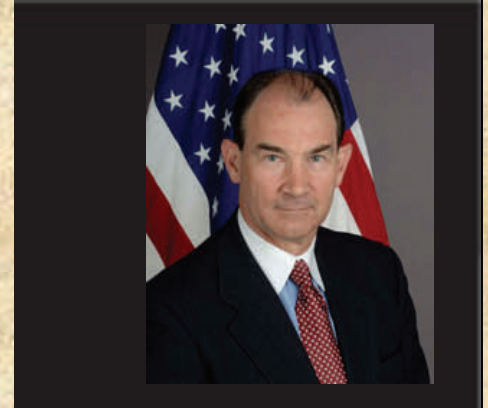


# Energy & Security

Ambassador Patrick Duddy speaking on “**After Chavez: Oil, Venezuela, and the United States.**”



Amb. Patrick Duddy is a Visiting Senior Lecturer at Duke University’s Center for International Studies. A Latin American specialist, he served as U.S. Ambassador to Venezuela, first under Bush and then under Obama. As such he oversaw one of the most complex political, economic and public diplomacy portfolios in the Western Hemisphere and was the steward of one of the United States’ most important energy relationships.

The death of Venezuela's long time President Hugo Chavez , just months after his reelection to a new six year term, precipitated presidential elections. The outcome of the elections will likely determine Venezuelans’ future for years to come. Venezuelans are not the only ones interested. Despite years of antagonism, the United States remains Venezuela's largest market. At the same time, even as he continued to trade with the United States, Chavez used his oil revenues to extend his influence and build a network of international partners to confront it. In the final energy and security luncheon of academic year 2012-2013, Patrick Duddy, the last Senate confirmed U.S. ambassador to Venezuela, will discuss the recent election and the role played by oil in Venezuela's relationship with the United States.

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**11:45 am - 1:30 pm**  
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