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Charles Dunbar joined the faculty of the International Relations Department at Boston University in September 2004. He teaches courses on the political economy of the Middle East, the West and the Muslim World, United States foreign policy, and United Nations peacekeeping.

Ambassador Dunbar came to Boston in 2001 for a three-year stint as the Warburg Professor in International Relations at Simmons College. Before that, he was for eight years President of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs and adjunct professor at Case Western Reserve University. In 1998, he served as the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Representative responsible for the organization of a referendum in Northwest Africa and is writing a book on this experience.

From 1962 to 1993, Mr. Dunbar was a State Department foreign service officer and served as Ambassador to Qatar (1983-85) and to Yemen (1988-91). He was chargé d'affaires at the American Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan (1981-83) and between 1985 and 1988, developed and helped carry out a strategy for strengthening the political dimension of the Afghan resistance to the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. Earlier, he worked in Iran, Afghanistan, Morocco, Algeria, and Mauritania.

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