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During 2005-2009, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Eurasia, with responsibility for Eurasian energy security, Turkey, Greece, Cyprus, the South Caucasus, and Central Asia. During 2001 to 2005, Ambassador Bryza served in the White House as Director for European and Eurasian Affairs on the National Security Council Staff, covering the same areas as mentioned above. Earlier assignments included Deputy Special Advisor to the President and Secretary of State on Caspian Energy, Russia Desk Officer and Political Officer at the U.S. Missions to Russia (1995-97) and Poland (1989-91). Matthew holds a bachelor's degree from Stanford University and a master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, both in international relations.