



Science Breakfast – April 2015 – Vaughan Turekian – American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

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Dr. Vaughan Turekian, Chief International Officer at the [American Association for the Advancement of Science \(AAAS\)](#), Director of the [Center for Science Diplomacy](#), and Editor-in-chief of “[Science & Diplomacy](#)” magazine will address the Science Diplomats Club on Wednesday April 22, 2015 from 8am to 10am, at the Embassy of France in Washington, DC.

About the speaker

Dr. Vaughan Turekian is the chief international officer at The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and director of its Center for Science Diplomacy. In this role, he leads, develops and coordinates the broad range of AAAS’s international activities. He is also editor-in-chief of [Science & Diplomacy](#), an open access journal published quarterly by the center. He is also an adjunct professor at Georgetown’s School of Foreign Service.

Prior to this position, Dr. Turekian served as Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs, where he was lead advisor on international science, technology, environment and health issues, including, clean energy, sustainable development, climate change, scientific outreach and avian influenza. He is the two-time recipient of the Department’s Superior Honor Award for his work on climate change and avian influenza.

Prior to his time at the State Department, Dr. Turekian worked at the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). In 2001, he was the Study Director for the White House-requested NAS report on climate change science. He has published numerous articles on the linkages between science and international policy. Dr. Turekian received his master’s and PhD in atmospheric geochemistry from the University of Virginia, where he focused on applying stable isotopic tracers to characterize aerosol sources and chemistry in the marine boundary layer, and was awarded the Maury Prize as Outstanding Student in Environmental Sciences. He is a graduate of Yale University with degrees in geology and geophysics and international studies.

About the AAAS Center for Science Diplomacy

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- Inspirational: Raising the profile of science diplomacy by convening and building a community of stakeholders for science diplomacy activities and initiatives.
- Operational: Initiating exchanges, visits, and bilateral activities to put science diplomacy into action.
- Intellectual: Creating a foundation of research and providing a forum for thought and analysis to identify and define key issues in science diplomacy and to develop science diplomacy strategies.

Since its establishment in 2008, the Center has been particularly interested in identifying opportunities for science diplomacy to serve as a catalyst between societies where official relationships might be limited and to strengthen civil society interactions through partnerships in science and technology. In 2012, the Center launched a new open-access, quarterly publication, *Science & Diplomacy*, as a forum for policy discourse at the nexus of scientific cooperation and foreign policy.