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**Dr. Aaron P. Forsberg** began as Economic Unit Chief in the Office of Japan Affairs at the U.S. Department of State in August 2015. He previously held the position of Executive Assistant in the Department's Office of the Chief Economist from 2013 to 2015. A Foreign Service Officer since 2001, he has served overseas in Iraq (2012-2013), Japan (2009-2012), Thailand (2004-2006), and Qatar (2001-2003), covering economic affairs. He worked as country desk officer for Indonesia and Timor-Leste at the Department in Washington, DC (2006-2008). He speaks Japanese and French.

Prior to 2001, he researched and wrote about U.S.-East Asia relations and worked at the Tokyo Office of the law firm White & Case LLP. Publications include *America and the Japanese Miracle* on Japan's economic revival after 1945 (University of North Carolina Press, 2000; reissued in paperback in 2014). He graduated with a B.A. in History from Whitman College in Washington State and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. He is married and has one daughter.