



William P. Barry, D.Phil
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Until his selection as the NASA European Representative, Dr. Barry served for six years at NASA Headquarters as a Senior International Programs Specialist and leader of the Russia Team in the Office of External Relations. In this position he was primarily responsible for development and coordination of policy guidance, agreement negotiation and other supervisory duties across the spectrum of NASA's cooperative activities with Russia and the former Soviet states. His portfolio also included support of a number of other international space operations activities, particularly the International Space Station Multilateral Coordination Board. He was awarded the NASA Headquarters Exceptional Performance Award in 2004.

Dr. Barry joined NASA in 2001 after retiring from a 22 year career in the United States Air Force. While serving in the Air Force he alternated between flying assignments in the KC-135 air refueling tanker and duty on the faculty of the Department of Political Science at the United States Air Force Academy. He served as a KC-135 instructor pilot and evaluator over the course of three operational assignments. Twice sponsored for higher education by the Air Force Academy, he eventually rose to the position of Chief of the Comparative Politics Division in the Department of Political Science. His final assignment was to the Headquarters Policy and Plans Directorate at United States European Command.

A graduate, with honors, of the United States Air Force Academy (1979), Dr. Barry also holds a Masters Degree from Stanford University (1987) and a Doctorate from Oxford University (1996). His doctoral dissertation, "The Missile Design Bureaux and Soviet Manned Space Policy 1953-1970" won the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics History Manuscript Award in 2000.

Dr. Barry holds a commercial license for both powered aircraft and gliders, and enjoys a variety of outdoor activities, particularly Nordic skiing. He is married with two children.