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Ambassador Charles Shapiro to Speak at Eastern

Willimantic, CT- Ambassador Charles S. Shapiro, principal deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. State Department, will speak at Eastern Connecticut State University on March 29. Shapiro's lecture, "The United States and the Western Hemisphere," is sponsored by the David T. Chase Free Enterprise Institute. His address will begin at 11 a.m. in Webb Hall, room 110. The public is invited. Admission is free.

Shapiro assumed responsibility as principal deputy assistant secretary in the State Department's Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs in July 2005.

He was previously the U.S. Ambassador to Venezuela from February 2002 until August 2004, and then was the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Andean and Caribbean Affairs from September 2004 until July 2005.

In 1977, he joined the State Department. Prior to that time, he served overseas as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. embassies in Chile and Trinidad and Tobago. Other overseas postings include El Salvador and Denmark.

Shapiro served as director of the Office of Cuban Affairs from June 1999 through September 2001. Some of his other Washington assignments include the Bureau of the Western Hemisphere Affairs, the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, and the Bureau of Public Affairs. He holds the rank of minister counselor in the Senior Foreign Service.

He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Georgia State University, and the Department of State's Senior Seminar. His foreign languages are Spanish and Danish.

As a result of the vision of David Chase, the David T. Chase Free Enterprise Institute was established to serve the university, the community, and the entire region. The institute is dedicated to the advancement of the American free enterprise system—the embodiment of the principle that a entrepreneurial, capitalist system can provide a profitable business environment. Eastern looks upon the institute as an important vehicle for promoting the University's mission of teaching, research, and public service to the community.

For more information about this lecture, contact Jean Stencil, secretary for the Department of Business Administration, at (860) 465-4620 or email stencil@easternct.edu.

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