## DONALD M. BLINKEN

#### Curriculum Vitae

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Personal:

Born 11/11/25, New York City: married to former Vera Evans;

son, Antony John Blinken

Education:

Horace Mann School, New York City, 1943;

Harvard College, BA Economics, magna cum laude, 1948

Military Service:

USAAF, Aviation Cadet Training Program 1944-1945

Professional:

Warburg, Pincus & Co., New York City

Co-Founding Partner 1966

(Warburg, Pincus & Co., Inc., is engaged in two principal businesses. It invented the venture capital investment pool concept and it is one of the leading venture banking firms in the United States. It also conducts a large investment counselling business for institutional and individual clients.)

Director, 1987 - present Managing Director, 1981-1986

Chairman - Executive Committee, 1970 - 1980

Vice-President, E. M. Warburg & Co. (predecessor firm) 1960-1966

**MITE Corporation** 

Director and Member of Executive Committee and a principal stock-

holder 1966 - 1985

(MITE Corporation was a leading manufacturer of industrial fasteners and electro-mechanical equipment, acquired by Emhart Corporation in 1985.)

**Steins Stores, Inc.,** New York City Vice-President and Merchandise Manager, 1953-1958

**Exchange Trading Corporation,** New York City President, 1951-1953. (This corporation was the U.S. Marketing outlet for Marks & Spencer originated products.)

Marks & Spencer Ltd., London Associate, 1950 - 1951

**Bloomingdales,** New York City, Management Trainee Management Trainee, 1948 - 1949

## Public Service:

# State University of New York

Chairman - Board of Trustees, 1978 - 1990
Member - Board of Trustees, 1976 - 1990
Was the longest serving Chairman in the University's history, appointed by Governor Hugh L. Carey 1978, and reappointed by Governor Mario Cuomo in 1982.
(The State University of New York is the nation's largest institution of higher education, comprising 64 individual institutions, enrolling approximately 400,000 students with a budget of approximately \$3 billion. In addition to liberal arts colleges and university centers, the SUNY system also includes four Medical Schools, a Law School, a College of Optometry and The New York Maritime Academy.)

#### The Mark Rothko Foundation

President, 1976-1989

Appointed by the Attorney General of New York to reorganize this celebrated artist's Foundation. Guided the Foundation in its landmark decision to distribute all of its nearly 2,000 works of art to 36 museums in the United States and abroad, including a gift of 285 works to the National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, in 1984, at which time the Foundation concluded its activities.

# Special Presidential Nominating Panel for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Member, 1979, appointed by President Jimmy Carter. (The Panel's recommendation led to the appointments of Circuit Court Judges Amalya L. Kearse and Jon O. Newman.)

**Southern District Magistrates Selection Panel** 1983 - present Appointed by Judge Robert Carter.

## Manville Personal Injury Settlement Trust

Founding Trustee 1986-1991

(The Trust was established to deliver equitable compensation to asbestos health claimants and beneficiaries, present or future.)

#### Institute for East-West Security Studies

Member of 1987 Task Force on "Soviet New Thinking" - 1987

## Arts and Letters

New York Philharmonic Symphony Society

Vice Chairman and Trustee, 1986 - present

Institute of International Education, New York City

Member - Board of Trustees, 1990 - present

The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, Albany, NY.

Overseer, 1985 - present

National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC.

Member - Trustees' Council, 1984 - present

The New York Public Library, New York City

Member - Board of Trustees, 1990 - present

Isamu Noguchi Foundation, New York City

Member - Board of Trustees, 1988 - present

Commentary, Publication Committee, New York City

Member, 1973 - present

Chairman, 1984 - 1987

The Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn, NY.

President, 1970 - 1976

Concerned Citizens for the Arts, New York State

Founder and Co-Chairman, 1971 - 1976

## Published:

Wool Tariffs and American Policy (168 pages), Public Affairs Press, Washington, DC, 1948.

"Free Trade Then, Now," New York Times Op-Ed 2/21/78.

"Scholarly Exchanges with China: Who Benefits?" - Chronicle of Higher Education, 5/26/81.

"Harmony for Education," - New York Times Op-Ed, 2/19/83.

"Mr. Regan, Rethink Education Policy," New York Times Op-Ed, 11/21/84.

"Go Slow and Use Civility in Debating" - New York Times Op-Ed, 6/6/85

"The Evolution of and Island of Academe" - New York Times Long Island Section, 9/7/86.

"A Chance to Improve Economic Relations with the Soviets," c authored with John P. Hardt, Minneapolis Star Tribune, 10/21/87.

"Pursuing Excellence on a Budget" (Interview), New York Times Long Island Section, 5/15/88.

"SUNY Soviet Academic Exchanges as Models for the Larger Society" SUNY News, Spring 1989.

"Let the Palestinian Issue Simmer", New York Post, 3/9/91.

"How SUNY can go from Good to Best" - Newsday Viewpoints, 6/26/90.

Clubs:

The Century Association, New York City

The River Club, New York City

Family:

Vera Blinken (Mrs. Donald Blinken)

Personal:

Born in Budapest, Hungary

Arrived in the United States with mother, 1950 Became a naturalized American citizen, 1958 Married to Donald Blinken, New York City, 1975

Education:

Lenox School for Girls, New York City, 1956

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, B.A. History of Art, 1960

New York School of Interior Design, 1961

Professional:

Edward Durell Stone Associates (Architects), Interior Designer

Associate 1961 - 1967

Vera Evans Interiors, Principal - Owner, 1967 - 1983

# Philanthropic & Public Activities

American Hungarian Friendship Forum, Inc. Founder and President, 1989 - present

The Sister City Program of the City of New York Chairman - Budapest Committee, 1991 - present

International Rescue Committee

Member of Executive Committee, 1978 - present

Special Assistant for the Arts and Cultural Affairs to

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, 1983 - 1989

American Federation of Arts

Trustee, 1985 - 1989

Raoul Wallenberg Committee of the United States

Member - Executive Committee, 1986 - 1989

British American Arts Association

Director, 1984 - 1991

Clubs:

The Cosmopolitan Club of New York

The River Club, New York

# Antony John Blinken (son)

Personal:

Born in New York City - 1962

**Education**:

Harvard College, magna cum laude B.A. Social Studies, 1984

Columbia University Law School, J.D., 1988

Professional:

New Republic Magazine Intern/Reporter, 1984 - 1985

Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison

Associate, 1989 - 1991

Co-Founder and Vice-President Elendil Productions New York and Paris.

1990-'93

Special Assistant to Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs,

August 1993 - Present

Published:

ALLY VERSUS ALLY: America, Europe, and the Siberian Pipeline

Crisis, Praeger, 1987

New York Times Magazine, October 13, 1991, "Jacques (Attali)

of All Trades."

## DONALD BLINKEN

The President has announced his intention to nominate Donald Blinken, of New York, as Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary.

Mr. Blinken is a Director of E. M. Warburg, Pincus & Co., an investment banking/venture capital firm which he co-founded in 1966. He served as Chairman of its Executive Committee from 1970-1980. Previously he was engaged in the retail business in the U. S., and briefly in the U.K. Mr. Blinken Chaired the State University of New York, the nation's largest system of higher education, from 1978-1990, having been appointed by Governor Hugh L. Carey, and re-appointed by Governor Mario M. Cuomo. He also served as President of the Mark Rothko Foundation and was named to the Special Presidential Nominating Panel for the U. S. Court of Appeals by President Carter in 1979. He was a Founding Trustee and Board Member of the Manville Personal Injury Settlement Trust. Mr. Blinken serves on the boards of a number of major arts and education related institutions including the Trustees Council of the National Gallery of Art.

Born in New York City on November 11, 1925, Mr. Blinken attended the Horace Mann School, and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard College in 1948. He served in the U. S. Army Air Force in 1944-1945. Mr. Blinken received an honorary degree from the State University of New York in 1993. He is the author of a book on American trade policy and numerous articles on education and international affairs. Mr. Blinken is married to the former Vera Evans, a graduate of Vassar College and a Board Member of the International Rescue Committee. His son, Antony, who graduated Harvard College and Columbia Law School, currently serves in the U. S. Department of State.