

Stuart Elliot Eizenstat
Doctor of Laws

Stuart Eizenstat, Class of 1964 cum laude, is Deputy Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. Among his previous positions are Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs (1997-99), Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade (1996-97), Ambassador to the European Union (1993-96), and Director of the White House Domestic Policy Staff and Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs and Policy (1977-81). As envoy of the United States in a variety of settings, he has negotiated such thorny issues as sanctions against Cuba and Iran, global warming, and trade with Japan. His considerable diplomatic skills enable him to work effectively with the leaders of both political parties in Congress, as evidenced by his having been confirmed unanimously by the Senate on four separate occasions. Recently, Eizenstat took the lead in securing a settlement with Swiss banks on behalf of Holocaust survivors. This work led the New York Times in an editorial to remark "It is not often that American officials make an effort to explore the dark corners of history and help the victims of old wrongs. Mr. Eizenstat has done both, and the country should be grateful for his work." Eizenstat credits his Carolina experience with influencing his choice of career. In his words, "UNC taught me the importance of giving something back to our great country, which given so much to us and to the world."

It is with great pride in one of our own and in grateful appreciation of a distinguished career of public service that The University confers on Stuart Elliot Eizenstat the degree of Doctor of Laws.