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The Serendipity of Words

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There are words that take us on voyages through time, across cultures, and to distant places around the globe. Join the State Department's Chief Translator on a guided tour through a handful of words with roots that will surprise, entertain, and enlighten you...words that reveal both our diversity and our connectedness.

Presenter Biographical information

Joseph Mazza, (BA, International Affairs, George Washington University, 1984), joined the State Department's Office of Language Services (LS) in 1989 as a translator from Romance languages, after working with Russian and Romance languages for the Navy. He was Chief of LS's Romance Branch and, since 2006, has been Chief of LS's

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