About the Program: This will be a live, interactive discussion featuring Edward Hirsch, renowned poet and President of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

Web chat URL: https://alumni.state.gov/live

Facebook Event: https://www.facebook.com/events/986292388168470/

Sample Tweets
Join Edward Hirsch, President of @GuggFellows & poet for a chat about the role of art in civic engagement June 8 @ 9AM EDT #AskEdHirsch

Learn more about the career and published works of renowned poet & President of @GuggFellows, Edward Hirsch June 8 @ 9 AM EDT #AskEdHirsch

Tune in to alumni.state.gov/live now! For a chat w/ poet & President of @GuggFellows, Edward Hirsch. Ask your ?’s using #AskEdHirsch

Sample Facebook Post
Come join a global alumni discussion with @GuggFellows President and poet, Edward Hirsch. He will be online June 8th at 9 am EDT to answer your questions about his distinguished career in poetry, his current role as President of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, and the intersection of civic engagement and the arts. Ask questions via Twitter using #AskEdHirsch or via the program chat space on https://alumni.state.gov/live.

About our Speaker
Edward Hirsch a MacArthur Fellow, has published nine books of poems, including The Living Fire: New and Selected Poems (2010), which brings together thirty-five years of work. His work Gabriel: A Poem (2014), which The New Yorker calls “a masterpiece of sorrow,” won the National Jewish Book Award for poetry. He has also published five books of prose, among them, How to Read a Poem and Fall in Love with Poetry (1999), a national bestseller, and A Poet’s Glossary (2014). A passionate advocate for poetry, he held a 17-year career as an English professor at the University of Houston and wrote the long-running “Poet’s Choice” column in the Washington Post. He was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship in poetry in 1985. Since 2002, he has served as a trustee of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation and in 2003 he became the fourth President. He holds seven honorary degrees.