

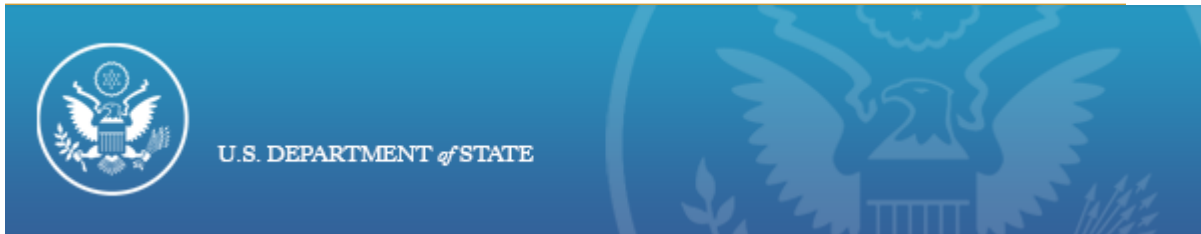
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Secretary Blinken in Chicago



Secretary Blinken traveled to Chicago, Illinois, January 19-20 to participate in a moderated conversation at the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics ([transcript/video](#)). He also [met with leaders from the Ukrainian diaspora community](#) and [visited the Chicago Passport Agency where he met with Department of State employees](#). Read more about his trip in the stories below, and on the [trip page on State.gov](#) which includes photos and related press releases.

Secretary Blinken Visits "Children of War" Exhibit in Chicago

"In Chicago, I saw an extraordinary exhibition of artwork from Ukrainian children of war as well as a diaspora community that is a profound expression of what our country is all about — supporting each other, but also supporting others in times of need," [Secretary Blinken in a spotlight video on Twitter](#).



Secretary Blinken Visits Local Bakery, Appears on Radio Show "Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!"

"Stopped at [@ElisCheesecake](#), where they make delicious Chicago-style cheesecake. The Schulman family's commitment to employing refugees and helping the new and established residents of this great city is truly impressive," [Secretary Blinken in a spotlight video on Twitter](#). While in Chicago, Secretary Blinken also appeared on the [comedy radio show Wait Wait... Don't Tell me!](#)



This Week

January 17-26: [Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons Cindy Dyer's Travel to Republic of Korea and Japan](#)

January 18-24: [Special Envoy for Global Food Security Dr. Cary Fowler's Travel to Zambia, Malawi, and the United Kingdom](#)

January 21-26: [Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs Michele Sison's Travel to Algeria and Morocco](#)

January 21-February 3: [Special Advisor on International Disability Rights Sara Minkara's Travel to Saudi Arabia and Jordan](#)

January 23-25: [Special Presidential Advisor for the Americas Christopher J. Dodd will travel to Buenos Aires, Argentina](#)

January 23-27: [Assistant Secretary of State for Conflict and Stabilization Operations Anne A. Witkowsky's Travel to Belgium and United Kingdom](#)

Looking Ahead

March 2-3: [Our Ocean 2023](#)



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- News, information, and guidance about the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- Travel advisories and updates on international travel for U.S. Citizens from the Department of State
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