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Micaela joined MCPIR/The Maine Monitor after retiring as a Senior Foreign Service officer. She represented the United States around the world for 26 years, leading U.S. diplomatic teams, and advancing U.S. principles of democratic governance, most importantly, the importance of a free and vibrant press.

Micaela spent most of her career in the Middle East and Southeast Europe, serving at the U.S. embassies in Kathmandu, Cairo, Baghdad, Tunis and Zagreb in a variety of capacities. As a public diplomacy practitioner, Micaela facilitated educational, cultural, and professional exchanges between the United States and people of the countries in which she served. At the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem, she led the Public Affairs Section and was the Consulate Spokesperson for four years. Her last overseas assignment was as the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Skopje, North Macedonia.

Micaela holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from Brown University and a Master's Degree in National Security Studies from the National War College. A native of southern New England, Micaela, her husband Todd, and three children have called Maine home since 2017, and live in Belfast. When not avidly devouring news reporting, you might find her and her family sailing in Penobscot Bay, hitting the ski slopes across Maine, or hiking new paths with their two rescue dogs.