



Marie Royce, accompanied by her husband, Rep. Ed Royce, was ceremonially sworn into office as U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs by Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy in May.

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MARIE ROYCE LEADS INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND EXCHANGE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT

BY ESTHER CHOU TANAKA

Growing up in Pomona, **Marie Royce** ('84, marketing management and management human resources) read books and periodicals about the world and dreamed of visiting those international destinations.

In her new role as U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, the Cal Poly Pomona alumna is living her dream. Not only is she traveling the world, she is providing students and leaders in the United States and internationally opportunities for education, scholarships and exchange. It's a chance to inspire in others what she's been passionate about her entire life — building partnerships, strengthening engagement and addressing complex problems.

Royce draws upon her academic and career experience from Fortune 500 companies, start-ups, nonprofits and education to lead the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). She was also a full-time faculty member in The Collins College of Hospitality Management and the College of Business Administration.

"Exchanges and alliances between people are aligned with the U.S. national security strategy," says Royce, who was sworn into office in May. "When people are self-reliant and interconnected, it makes for a more peaceful world. That's why we want more students to go to school overseas or have students come here. It'll make those relations better and help with global security."

As an undergraduate, Royce joined Rose Float and connected with students from different colleges and majors. For example, she helped bring in donations of whatever the engineering and decorations teams needed, from hydraulic equipment to Kodak film to flowers.

Her desire to serve her community began early, and she joined the campaign trail for candidates running for Pomona city mayor, school board and state assembly.

After college, Royce realized her dream of international travel. She was selected for an American Council of Young Political Leaders program through the State Department to visit Poland and Hungary. The nine-person delegation met with nongovernmental organizations and national leaders, including the mayor of Warsaw.

As the Assistant Secretary of State, Royce focuses on providing students and emerging leaders with opportunities for education and international exchange through scholarships, fellowships and exchange programs. Since 1961, the ECA has served over 1 million people globally, including 75 Nobel Laureates and nearly 450 current and former world leaders.

Throughout her career, Royce has strived to learn from others, grow from every opportunity and expand her network. Having a clear vision and written goals goes a long way, she says.

"If you want to be a manager, you should ask for a project to manage. Whatever it is, you have to ask," she says. "When you have some experience, they'll give you more authority, and you'll learn a lot along the way."

"If you use those opportunities to learn, you can contribute more. You'll be promoted if you make a greater contribution. A career isn't just one thing. It is one of many things in your life. I don't think there is a limit to what people can do."

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT MARIE ROYCE

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College of Business Administration Distinguished Alumna and Commencement speaker in 1994.

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Earned her MBA in international business from Georgetown University.

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At Pomona Catholic High School, she was class secretary and home room president.

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Throughout her career, she has worked to advance women, minorities and people from underrepresented groups.

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Married to Congressman Ed Royce (R-39th District).

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PATRONS OF MODERN ARCHITECTURE SECURE A LEGACY OF LEARNING

BY SAMANTHA GONZAGA

Not many people had a math class like the one **Steve Dodge** took in high school — the kind that connected numbers and design, sparking a lifelong appreciation of modern architecture.

"I had been exposed to the Eames House in high school," Dodge says. "Our teacher had a very different kind of math class. We would see Eames films every Friday. It was just enhancing."

His wife, **Marian Dodge**, was drawn to the clean design of modern architecture. The couple spent their early years together touring Los Angeles, mapping their way with David Gebhard and Robert Winter's "An Architectural Guidebook to Los Angeles."

The drives, the math class and architecture tours fostered the couple's mutual love affair with modern architecture. When it came time to buy a house, the Dodes had researched 10 to 12 modern architects. They knew what they were looking for. Their realtors did not.

"We saw a two-line ad in the Los Angeles Times, and it said 'Soriano.' We jumped on it, looked at it, and I fell in love the moment we walked through the door. That's as far I got, we walked through the front door, and that was it," Marian says.

"Modern architecture emphasizes the house blending in with the landscaping. That's the other thing that really attracted me to the house we bought. It was adjacent to Griffith Park. Our view is the whole park."

In 1987 the Dodes bought the Schrage House and began its restoration. They relied on their private collection of Raphael Soriano drawings and those kept in the College of Environmental Design Archives and Special Collections, a repository of work by Soriano (who was also an adjunct faculty member in the architecture department in the late 1980s), Craig Ellwood, Richard Neutra and Donald Wexler.

In 2011, the Dodes pledged \$3 million through an estate plan to establish the Dodge Institute of Modern Architecture at Cal Poly Pomona. In 2018, the couple finalized the second installment, giving the university 60 percent majority ownership of the home through a retained life estate plan.

"We wanted to make sure the Soriano house is preserved, not bought by somebody who doesn't care and tears it down," Marian says. "The second goal was to preserve our assets instead of giving it all to Uncle Sam. It turned out to be a win-win."

About the Schrage House

The Schrage House in Los Feliz was designed by renowned midcentury modern architect Raphael Soriano, a former faculty member at Cal Poly Pomona. Built in 1952, it is the only steel-and-glass Soriano residence still existing in its near-original state. It bears the hallmarks of his pioneering style: modular, incorporating prefabricated steel, glass and resin-bonded plywood. Historians consider it one of Soriano's finest designs.



What is a Retained Life Estate?

Working with the university, the Dodes have planned for their home to be a permanent lab to enhance students' learning experience. Through the retained life estate, they donate their home and retain the right to live there as part of their financial and estate plan. This thoughtful and strategic planned giving technique maximizes the charitable income tax deduction and reduces their taxes over 18 years.



Marian and Steve Dodge in ENV's Building 7.