**Michele Rigby Assad**

**Text for Verbal Introduction**

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Michele spent 10 years in the CIA as an **undercover intelligence officer**.

Her government service began four months after the September 11 attacks.

Her specialization was **counter-terrorism** and **counter-intelligence**.

She and her husband, Joseph, spent their career in the Middle East working against terror groups.

Since leaving the CIA, Michele has served as an **author**, **corporate consultant** and **keynote speaker**.

Her specialties are career development, fraud identification, vetting and investigations, and operations in difficult places.

Today Michele will be sharing fascinating stories from her career that are wildly inspiring, and **surprisingly applicable to our work**.

She will speak for about **45 minutes** and then we’ll have time for some **Q&A**.