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Dr. Janes is Executive Director of Global Citizens Initiative (GCI), which builds on his years of experience in international education, global affairs, and philanthropy as well as his passion for fostering cross-cultural understanding and empathy. Dr. Janes was transformed by his own study abroad experience in Japan, which inspired him to want to open doors for others to have similar experiences. He has worked across a wide spectrum of organizations to enable opportunities for young people to engage in transformational learning opportunities.

Dr. Janes comes to GCI after serving as Chief Advancement Officer at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST) and President and CEO of the OIST Foundation, which has a strong focus on education. Previously, during his long tenure as Director of Foundation Grants and Assistant to the President at the United States-Japan Foundation, Dr. Janes grew the Foundation's K-12 education portfolio and connected students, teachers, and schools in the United States and Japan in innovative ways. He also founded and directed the Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award, a top award for K-12 teachers who dedicated their careers to helping young Americans learn about Japan and Japanese language.

Dr. Janes serves as Chair of the Board of the Japan ICU Foundation; Executive VP of the American Friends of the International House of Japan; Chair of the Board of EngageAsia; Vice Chair of the AmerAsian School in Okinawa; is a Trustee of Creative Connections; and is a Scott M. Johnson Fellow of the U.S.-Japan Leadership Program; a Fellow of the British-American Project; a Fellow of the U.S.-Japan Network for the Future directed by the Mansfield Foundation; and a Visiting Fellow at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at IUPUI. He holds a Ph.D. and M.Phil. degree in Sociology from The New School for Social Research, an M.A. in International Affairs from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, an M.A. in Asian Religions from the University Hawai'i, Mānoa, and a B.A. in Religion from the University of Mary Washington.

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