

Kate Kelly

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Experience

CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS

Washington, D.C.

Public Lands Director

March 2017 – present

- Develop policy proposals to further a progressive vision for energy and environment - from overhauling the federal energy program to more ambitious and equitable land, water and wildlife protections
- Direct team of 6 people on rapid response, analysis, narrative-setting, and coalition-building - helping to define the Trump administration as the most anti-nature presidency in history
- Publish reports, columns, and op-eds on energy and environment issues; regularly quoted in national and local media outlets, including the *Washington Post*, *Reuters*, and *Politico*; testified before Congress
- Manage \$1 million annual budget and grant reports; maintain funder relationships

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Office of the Secretary

Washington, D.C.

Senior Advisor to the Secretary

Feb. 2015 – Jan. 2017

- Part of small team directing overall strategy for the department, including policy and messaging on energy, public land management, and Indian affairs
- Conceived of, composed, and executed rollout of major policy speeches on the department's energy reforms and the next 100 years of conservation to mark the National Park Service's Centennial year
- Lead communications strategist on keystone policies, including the landmark greater sage-grouse conservation effort and the comprehensive review of the federal coal program

Communications Director

May 2012 – Feb. 2015

- Led an office of 15 people, including a nationally recognized digital team, for two Interior Secretaries
- Coordinated conservation and energy policy messaging for the Obama administration across Interior's nine bureaus with vastly different missions, such as the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Managed crisis communications for several high-profile events, including the 2013 government shutdown, the Cliven Bundy conflict, and an outbreak of Hantavirus at Yosemite National Park

Deputy Communications Director/Speechwriter

July 2010 – May 2012

- Served as main speechwriter for the Secretary of the Interior
- Managed rollouts for major announcements, including the department's nascent renewable energy program

UNITED STATES SENATE, Office of Arlen Specter

Washington, D.C.

Press Secretary

Sept. 2007 – July 2010

Deputy Press Secretary

Sept. 2006 – 2007

- Directed media and public relations for a senior member of the U.S. Senate
- Navigated Sen. Specter's media relations during major national events, including his party switch and votes on healthcare and the Recovery Act
- Built relationships with national and local reporters; coordinated press interviews, press conferences and public events; wrote press releases and opinion pieces

Assistant to the Chief of Staff

Sept. 2005 – 2006

- Team player in high-pressure environment

Education

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, MO

Bachelor of Arts

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Major: Political Science; Minor: Writing