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Top Skills

Immigration Policy
Public Policy
Government

Languages

German (Full Professional)
French (Elementary)
Spanish (Elementary)

Publications

States, Localities Key to Immigration Policy
The importance of welcoming immigrants in today's competitive world
Mapping Transatlantic Futures

Adam Hunter

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Immigration Policy at U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Summary

Adam Hunter has more than 15 years' experience on migration, national security, and international affairs issues through positions in government, foundations, think tanks, and fellowships.

Experience

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Immigration Policy
January 2021 - Present (2 years 8 months)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Refugee Council USA (RCUSA)
Executive Director
August 2020 - January 2021 (6 months)
Washington DC-Baltimore Area

Self Employed
Principal Consultant
April 2017 - July 2020 (3 years 4 months)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Diverse strategic consulting clients and initiatives included:

Immigration, refugees, and inclusion: Conducted strategic review and analysis for philanthropic entities on their policy, advocacy, civic engagement, and leadership development initiatives focused at the national, state, and local levels. Advised national non-profit leaders on issue campaigns, movement-building, strategy, and partnerships. Was founding U.S.-Chair of Metropolis North America, a trilateral policy forum bringing together policy makers, practitioners, and researchers from Canada, Mexico and the United States.

International affairs and national security: Advised on issues related to transatlantic relations, demographic and social change, and political violence and violent extremism. Developed strategic communication and messaging

to build bridges and foster belonging. Lectured to State Department Foreign Service Officers on transatlantic relations and comparative European and American approaches to immigrant integration, identity, and inclusion. Advised global foreign policy think tank network on business development and partnership strategy in the United States.

The Pew Charitable Trusts

Director, Immigration and the States

May 2014 - March 2017 (2 years 11 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Provided strategic direction, managed an interdisciplinary staff, and oversaw a \$3 million project budget to analyze state responses to federal immigration policy, within a global, non-partisan, non-profit policy institute and funder.

Led the process that created more than 25 written and interactive research products; chaired seminars among senior federal, state, and local officials; was chief spokesperson with media and presented at public events and conferences.

USCIS

6 years 6 months

Chief of Staff, Acting

February 2013 - May 2014 (1 year 4 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Advised on all aspects of policy and operations across family, employment, and humanitarian immigration programs; coordinated with agency leadership to manage priority initiatives, such as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); represented USCIS with the White House, federal agencies, foreign governments, external organizations, and through public speaking engagements.

Oversaw agency clearance functions requiring cross-component coordination; served on Executive Steering Committee for the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review and advised on agency strategic planning efforts.

Deputy Chief of Staff

December 2012 - February 2013 (3 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Advised and represented Director on all matters; managed Director's engagement with 18,000-person workforce.

Senior Advisor to the Director

September 2011 - December 2012 (1 year 4 months)

Washington, DC

Managed Director's strategic priorities, annual employee awards process, creation of the military veterans council.

Program Manager, Office of Citizenship

December 2007 - September 2011 (3 years 10 months)

Washington, DC

Prepared analyses on immigration, integration and citizenship issues; served as a government expert in the U.S. and abroad; led quantitative and qualitative research initiatives.

Heinrich Boell Foundation

Advisor

August 2007 - December 2007 (5 months)

Washington, DC

Developed a partnership on refugees with the Center for American Progress; organized a multi-state visitors' program for German elected officials.

Center for American Progress

National Security Graduate Intern

June 2006 - August 2006 (3 months)

Washington, DC

Coordinated the rollout of the 2006 Terrorism Index expert survey on U.S. efforts against terrorism.

Researched and wrote on immigration for The Prosperity Agenda, a book by Nancy Soderberg and Brian Katulis.

European Parliament

Office Director

January 2004 - April 2005 (1 year 4 months)

Brussels Area, Belgium

Oversaw Member schedule and coordinated priorities with staff in Brussels, Strasbourg, and Berlin.

Developed relationships and liaised on behalf of the Member with national and local party members and constituent groups, including immigrant and minority communities in Germany.

Robert Bosch Stiftung

Robert Bosch Foundation Fellow

September 2003 - June 2004 (10 months)

Berlin Area, Germany

Awarded prestigious fellowship program for executive seminars and work experience in Germany which included:

Staffing a Member of the German Bundestag and opposition leader working on foreign affairs committee issues.

Managing a successful nationwide campaign for a German candidate to the European Parliament running for an at-large seat.

German Marshall Fund of the United States

Program Assistant

2001 - 2003 (2 years)

Washington, DC

Supported institutional partnerships, Board of Trustees meetings; bi-monthly grant review process.

Coordinated all aspects of Foreign Policy Program grantmaking; organized events, led Congressional study tours.

Education

Cornell University

Certificate in Diversity & Inclusion · (2020 - 2020)

Harvard Kennedy School

MPP, International Security Political Economy · (2005 - 2007)

Vanderbilt University

BA, German and European Studies · (1996 - 2000)

University of Regensburg

· (1998 - 1999)