

J. Christopher Canning

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. Office of Personnel Management

January 2021 - Present
Washington, DC

Chief of Staff / Senior Advisor

- Serve as senior Biden-Harris political official pending U.S. Senate confirmation of the director.
- Manage day-to-day operations for 2.5K employees and operating budget of over \$360m.
- Oversee agency's responsibilities for implementation of early Biden-Harris administration executive orders including [Protecting the Federal Workforce](#), [Promoting Access to Voting](#) and [Advancing Racial Equity](#), among others.

DKC Public Relations & Public Affairs

October 2015 – December 2020
Washington, DC

Executive Vice President

- Advised non-profit and corporate clients on public policy strategy and communications, political issue advocacy, stakeholder engagement, media relations and crisis management.
- Managed client portfolio of eight to ten accounts and oversaw public affairs subdivision focused on public policy and strategic campaigns.
- Designed, implemented and publicized trust and safety, and corporate social responsibility programs for technology platform companies.
- Identified and brokered formal communications and community engagement partnerships between corporate and non-profit clients, and government entities.
- Served as founding member of DKC's Diversity Engagement and Inclusion Committee.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management

November 2013 – October 2015
Washington, DC

Senior Advisor / Acting Chief of Staff

- Served as a principal advisor to the Director on matters related to mission-driven policy and strategic priorities.
- Managed day-to-day operations for 5K employees and an annual operating budget of over \$460 million.
- Oversaw external affairs including interagency and congressional relations, and communications strategy.
- Served as lead advisor on the Administration's background investigation reform initiatives including implementation of the President's 2014 Suitability and Security Process Review and 90-Day Performance Accountability Council Review. Acted as primary agency liaison to the Office Management and Budget, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Department of Defense and other partners in these reform efforts.
- Led development of OPM's Strategic IT Plan, a roadmap to modernize IT infrastructure and administration through improved governance, realignment of existing assets, agile development methodology, and strategic investments in cybersecurity tools and protocols. Coordinated implementation of the Plan in concert with the Chief Information Officer.
- Coordinated multi-faceted evaluative and planning initiative for Retirement Services division targeting customer service and automation of case processing.
- Advised on continuity of operations issues and National Capital Region federal government operating status during weather events.

Democratic National Committee / Obama for America 2012

May 2011 – November 2013
Washington, DC / Chicago, IL

Political Advisor

- Oversaw strategic planning and preparation for high-level principal political activities in battleground states in support of the President's reelection campaign and other Democratic Party electoral priorities.

- Evaluated political requests and proposals submitted for the President, the Vice President, the First Lady, the Chair of the Democratic National Committee and other Obama administration officials.
- Served as primary Obama for America campaign liaison to the President's Cabinet and senior agency political staff.
- Oversaw Cabinet officials' participation in the 2012 Democratic National Convention and over 75 unique campaign events.
- Facilitated regular campaign briefings and provided daily message guidance to Cabinet Officials.
- Coordinated political strategy around former President Bill Clinton's campaign activity.
- Prepared briefing material and talking points for the principals mentioned above.

Democratic National Committee

April 2005 – May 2011

Deputy Director, Chairman's Office

Washington, DC

- Developed and executed on the Chairman's institutional priorities under both former Vermont Governor Howard Dean and former Virginia Governor Tim Kaine.
- Managed relationships with donors, state Democratic Party officials, Obama administration staff and Democratic National Committee members on behalf of the Chairman.
- Supervised an annual budget of over \$500K and advised senior officials on matters of strategic resource allocation.
- Liaised with the White House, offices of federal, state and municipal elected officials and Democratic candidates.
- Prepared detailed political and message briefing material including talking points and media strategy recommendations.
- Oversaw scheduling, advance and correspondence staff and occasionally served as senior traveling aide responsible for schedule execution and media relations.

Executive Office of the Mayor, Washington, DC

December 2004 – April 2005

Director of Scheduling

Washington, DC

- Prepared daily schedule and briefing book for the Mayor and senior staff.
- Managed a staff of three responsible for correspondence pertaining to 100-200 scheduling requests weekly.
- Made recommendations to the Mayor and senior staff regarding scheduling strategy at weekly Executive Office staff meetings.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies; Social and Public Policy

June 2007 – December 2011

Washington, DC