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## Top Skills

Government  
Politics  
Public Policy

## Certifications

Facility Security Officer Certification  
Single Scope Background  
Investigation Completed (Details  
on Accesses Available via Proper  
Channels)

# Nate Snyder

Counterterrorism, Homeland Security Professional & Adjunct  
Professor

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

## Summary

Nate is leader in National Security, a University of Chicago national security adjunct professor, and a recognized Next Generation Latino leader in national security, and advocate for diversity in National Security. Previously, he served under the Obama Administration at DHS as a counterterrorism official. Since the end of the Obama Administration, Nate has focused on efforts to combat domestic terrorism, cybersecurity, election security, and has contributed to multiple high profile articles and news network appearances across numerous media outlets.

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## Experience

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

2 years 5 months

Chief of Staff for Partnership and Engagement

July 2022 - Present (1 year 3 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Senior Policy Advisor for Counterterrorism and Threat Prevention

May 2021 - September 2022 (1 year 5 months)

Washington DC-Baltimore Area

Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary for Operation Allies Refuge and Operation Allies Welcome

August 2021 - January 2022 (6 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Led, developed, and executed the internal and external affairs efforts for Operation Allies Welcome for all the Safe Havens (bases) that received Afghan evacuee guests.

University of Chicago

Adjunct Professor

September 2020 - Present (3 years 1 month)

Chicago, Illinois, United States

Adjunct professor for the University of Chicago's inaugural Master's program on threat response management

### Cambridge Global Advisors

Executive Vice President for Counterterrorism and Homeland Security  
July 2017 - May 2021 (3 years 11 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

I advise and support Fortune 500, federal, and state and local clients in cybersecurity, counterterrorism, information and intelligence sharing, and law enforcement engagement. I supported the Voting Village's election security exploits at DEFCON 2019 where numerous current-use voting machines were assessed for cyber and other vulnerabilities. I also support the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center. Further, I provide guidance to clients on how best to engage with domestic and international law enforcement regarding issues such as terrorist use of the internet, cyber threats, terrorism prevention, countering foreign influence, and intelligence analysis.

### Light Side Force Strategies, LLC

CEO

July 2017 - May 2021 (3 years 11 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

A one man consulting shop (me) that focuses on domestic and international law enforcement engagement, counterterrorism, countering violent extremism, information sharing, information/intelligence analysis, strategic planning, public engagement, policy development and implementation, external relations, international affairs, strategic communications, community intervention support, grassroots/netroots strategic organizing, digital organizing, and a various range of homeland security and national security issues.

### Biden for President

Senior GOTC Advisor

January 2020 - February 2020 (2 months)

Cedar Rapids, Iowa Area

### Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee

Senior Field Consultant

August 2018 - November 2018 (4 months)

Minnesota and Michigan

Senior field advisor for MN 1 & 2 and MI 8 & 11 during the 2018 general cycle. Working with districts to hone all aspects of voter contact, targeting, data, persuasion, social media, tech, and turnout.

## U.S. Department of Homeland Security

7 years 11 months

### Principal Senior Advisor & Chief of Staff for Policy - Office for Community Partnerships

September 2015 - January 2017 (1 year 5 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

I served as an Obama Administration counterterrorism official and advisor to the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and National Counterterrorism Center. My role focused on developing partnerships with domestic and international law enforcement, state and local officials, tech-sector industry, foundations, and communities across the country to develop solutions to prevent terrorism of all forms. Early on, I represented DHS as a key contributor to the White House's first Strategic Implementation Plan to Empower Local Partners to Prevent Violent Extremism in the United States, its updating in 2016, and led the interagency effort to develop and host the Global Counterterrorism Forum's workshop for Countering Violent Extremism Through Community Oriented Policing. Through these efforts, I specialized in terrorist use of the internet regarding content and cyber tradecraft. Further, I worked closely with Five Eyes (United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, Australia) and European Union partners to develop information sharing standards and channels regarding terrorist based cyber threats and mitigation efforts.

### Advisor for Global Law Enforcement Partnerships and Countering Violent Extremism

August 2014 - September 2015 (1 year 2 months)

### Liaison for Community Partnership & Strategic Engagement

March 2011 - August 2014 (3 years 6 months)

### White House Liaison (Acting)

December 2010 - March 2011 (4 months)

### Deputy White House Liaison

March 2009 - December 2010 (1 year 10 months)

## SEIU

### Inauguration Logistics Lead/Political Staff

December 2008 - March 2009 (4 months)

Obama for America

1 year 5 months

Great Lakes and Ohio River Valley Field Director

June 2008 - November 2008 (6 months)

NV At-Large District Director

July 2007 - June 2008 (1 year)

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## Education

Naval War College

Master's Degree, National Security with Focus on Counterterrorism

Syracuse University - Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

BS, Political Science and History, Minor in Fine Arts

University of Maryland College Park

Master's Degree, Visiting Student at the Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and the Responses to Terrorism