

## Contact

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## Top Skills

Web Content Management  
Multimedia  
Editing

## Languages

Spanish (Elementary)

## Certifications

TEFL

## Honors-Awards

Truman Scholar

# Heather F.

Partner, Operational Engagement & Outreach  
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

## Summary

As a strategic leader with extensive experience in public affairs, I have served as an advisor to high-profile principals at the highest levels of federal and state government. I thrive in fast-paced, outcomes-driven environments and enjoy taking on complex challenges and driving solutions that benefit underserved communities.

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## Experience

### ICF Next

Partner, Operational Engagement and Outreach  
February 2022 - Present (1 year 7 months)

### U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Communications  
April 2021 - February 2022 (11 months)  
Washington DC

### United States Senate

Communications Director - U.S. Senator Doug Jones  
January 2018 - January 2021 (3 years 1 month)  
Washington, DC

### Commonwealth of Virginia

Deputy Communications Director - Governor Terry McAuliffe  
January 2017 - January 2018 (1 year 1 month)  
Richmond, Virginia Area

### U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

2 years 1 month

### Press Secretary - HUD Secretary Julian Castro

April 2016 - January 2017 (10 months)  
Washington, DC

Deputy Press Secretary - HUD Secretary Julian Castro  
January 2015 - April 2016 (1 year 4 months)  
Washington, DC

U.S. House of Representatives  
Press Secretary  
January 2013 - December 2014 (2 years)  
Washington, DC

United States Senate  
1 year 6 months  
Press Secretary - U.S. Senator Jim Webb (Virginia)  
November 2012 - January 2013 (3 months)  
Washington D.C.

Deputy Press Secretary - Senator Jim Webb (Virginia)  
February 2012 - November 2012 (10 months)  
Washington, D.C.

Press Assistant - Senator Jim Webb (Virginia)  
August 2011 - February 2012 (7 months)  
Washington, DC

Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation  
Truman-Albright Fellow  
September 2011 - May 2012 (9 months)  
Washington, D.C.

Princeton-in-Asia  
Princeton-in-Asia English Teaching Fellow, Hau Giang Community  
College, Vietnam  
August 2010 - May 2011 (10 months)  
Vi Thanh City, Hau Giang Province, Vietnam

Teaching for Change  
Truman Scholar Intern  
June 2010 - July 2010 (2 months)  
Washington, DC

U.S. Department of State  
Priority Intern - Digital Communications Center  
June 2009 - August 2009 (3 months)

Washington, D.C.

### United States Senate

Press Intern - Senator Tim Johnson (South Dakota)

June 2008 - August 2008 (3 months)

Washington, D.C.

### KELO-TV (CBS)

Production Assistant

December 2006 - January 2008 (1 year 2 months)

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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## Education

The University of South Dakota

Bachelor of Arts - BA