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SUMMARY

Tech policy strategist bridging government and industry to advance U.S. competitiveness in emerging technology. Translate complex EU tech regulations into strategic insights for senior leadership while cultivating partnerships across the tech ecosystem—from startups and big tech to state and local governments. 8+ years building coalitions and delivering results across three continents in fast-paced, ambiguous environments. Deep expertise in AI, fintech, and national security policy. Proud Obama Alum. Active Top Secret SCI Security Clearance. Purpose driven.

EXPERIENCE

U.S. Department of State | Tech Policy & Partnerships | Washington, D.C. | July 2025 – Present

- Cultivate strategic partnerships with NextGen tech startups, trade groups, academic institutions, and big tech partnerships to strengthen U.S. domestic tech ecosystem and advance competitiveness
- Serve as connector between local/state governments, industry, and foreign partners facilitating collaboration across sectors to build public private partnerships
- Coordinate across interagency to deliver official U.S. government feedback on NextGen tech legislation abroad
- Translate EU tech legislation for senior leadership, distilling regulatory complexities into strategic recommendations that inform U.S. policy positions

U.S. Department of State | Private Sector Engagement | Washington, D.C. | Sep 2024 – July 2025

- Liaised with international organizations to coordinate private sector voice and regional engagement strategy for high-level international conference
- Coordinated private sector engagement preparing briefings and economic analysis for senior leaders ahead of meetings with CEOs and Foreign Ministers

U.S. Consulate Dubai | Project Manager | | Dubai, UAE | July 2022 – July 2024

- Spearheaded project to launch the first ever lactation pod in a U.S. consular waiting room which led to over 30 Embassies replicating efforts to improve accessibility and inclusion at State Department facilities around the world
- Supported high-level U.S. delegation participation in the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP28) through strategic planning, securing ministerial level meetings, and briefing principals ahead of engagements
- Gained deep expertise in national security priorities related to sensitive Middle East relationships, monitoring geopolitical trends and translating complex policy updates to Washington stakeholders

U.S. Embassy Mexico City | Partner Manager | Mexico City | Nov 2020 – July 2022

- Designed and launched Mexico's first national conference promoting women in justice sector mobilizing 2,000+ leaders from government, NGOs, and private sector
- Coordinated 3 Cabinet Secretary visit for high-level security dialogue drafting briefings and supporting planning to ensure seamless execution
- Built enduring relationships with government officials, civil society organizations, and education leaders translating ground-level policy insights to Washington stakeholders
- Supervised 2 local staff, managing workstreams, training, and mentorship

U.S. Embassy Mexico City | Senior Public Affairs Manager | Mexico City | July 2019 – Nov 2020

- Proactively identified opportunities to increase public understanding regarding U.S. security assistance by recruiting, training, and supervising 9 outreach specialists during a long-term senior vacancy, demonstrating ability to handle ambiguity and drive necessary operating model improvements
- Managed \$30 million government procurement initiative, overseeing compliance, vendor relationships, and strategic resource allocation to advance U.S.-Mexico security cooperation

EDUCATION & SKILLS

Johns Hopkins SAIS | MA, Economics | University of Richmond BA, Political Science

SKILLS: Stakeholder & Executive Relationship Management | Customer Success & Account Growth | Cross-Functional Project Management | Public-Private Partnerships | Enterprise SaaS & Tech Partnerships | CRM & Data Analytics (Salesforce, Tableau) | Asana | Executive Communications & Strategic Briefings | Budget & Program Management | Tech Policy (AI, Cloud Infrastructure, Biotech, Quantum Computing, Fintech) | Regulatory Analysis