

Laura Galante brings nearly two decades of experience helping businesses and governments defend against major digital threats. From 2022 to 2025 she served as the Intelligence Community's Cyber Executive and the Director of the Cyber Threat Intelligence Integration Center at ODNI. She led the Intelligence Community's response to major cyber, counterintelligence, and ransomware incidents. In 2024, she directed the Intelligence Community's first enterprise-wide acquisition of commercial threat intelligence and worked with services in Europe and Asia to pioneer similar acquisition models. Prior to her government service, she worked with the Ukrainian government to develop their cyber defense programs, served as an expert witness on cyberwarfare trials, and led Global Intelligence at Mandiant-FireEye, a cybersecurity firm.

EXPERIENCE

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| WestExec Advisors, Principal: Geopolitical Risk Advisory | Feb. 2025 - Present |
| Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Intelligence Community Cyber Executive
Director, Cyber Threat Intelligence Integration Center (CTIIC) | Jan. 2022 - Jan. 2025 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cyber Intelligence for National Decisions: Led the Intelligence Community's (IC) response to significant cyber incidents; Direct CTIIC's intelligence production to frame the national decision space for countering criminal and state-sponsored cyber operations- Public-Private Partnerships with Outcomes: Developed partnerships with technology companies, equipment manufacturers, critical infrastructure providers, and federal agencies to improve public-private sector resilience to high-impact cyber incidents- Building High Performance Teams: Drove CTIIC's technical and program management capabilities by developing existing talent and recruiting diverse skill sets from the private sector- Acquiring and utilizing commercial intelligence solutions: Launched CTIIC's Office of Strategic Cyber Partnerships to deliver on the IC's first enterprise-wide acquisition of commercial cyber intelligence; Expanded US visibility into threats affecting privately operated infrastructure- Forging international cyber resilience: Led intelligence diplomacy advancing cybersecurity objectives in bilateral and multilateral settings (FVEY, India, Philippines) | |
| Galante Strategies LLC, Cyber Intelligence Consultancy; Founder | Apr. 2017 - Dec. 2021 |
| <p>National Operations Framework: Developed the analytic framework for the Ukrainian Government's Center for Counteracting Cyber Threats (includes CERT and SOC functions), bridged Ukrainian initiatives with U.S. government partners (USAID, US Emb.), and launched a 24/7 rapid response team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Building Capacity to Respond to Cyber Attacks: Led efforts with the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council and State Service for Information Protection to develop capabilities to attribute and communicate state-level cyber incidents <p>Election Integrity: Designed and directed the Ukraine Election Task Force to monitor foreign interference in the 2019 Ukrainian presidential election; Developed government stakeholders, hired a transnational team, engaged Ukrainian and global media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Expert Witness, Act of War & State Surveillance Claims: Provided expert testimony in groundbreaking litigation regarding the attribution of cyber attacks, nation state surveillance, and offensive use of technologies. | |

Mandiant (formerly FireEye Inc.)
Director, Global Intelligence

Aug. 2012 - Mar. 2017

- **Operational Excellence:** Directed operations of intelligence products and services resulting in \$85M in revenue, serving 140 customers worldwide in multiple industry and government verticals; Directed analysis of state and non-state threat activity, including Chinese military-sponsored IP theft and Russian info ops and espionage
- **Corporate Integration:** Managed the 2016 integration of iSIGHT Partners intelligence business into FireEye-Mandiant and launched an 160 person combined organization and budget 120 days post-acquisition
- **Driving Mission with Global Teams:** Led a diverse, multidisciplinary unit of 90 intelligence analysts, malware engineers, and developer teams on three continents; Delivered intelligence analysis services for clients in the U.S., Australia, Israel, Japan, & Singapore
- **Media & Communications:** Conveyed FireEye's intelligence findings and views on security incidents to media publications, TV, and radio; Built a network of journalists covering cybersecurity, transnational threats and media manipulation

Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) via Booz Allen Hamilton

Jan. 2009 - Aug. 2012

Office for Cyber Threat Analysis: Team Lead, Russia Cyber Threat Analyst

EDUCATION

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA; Bachelor of Arts: Foreign Affairs and Italian, 2006

The Catholic University of America, Washington D.C.; Columbus School of Law, J.D., 2011

BOARDS AND AFFILIATIONS

The Cipher Brief, Principal

Mar. 2025 - Present

SafeGuard Cyber, Board of Advisors

July 2018 - 2021

Atlantic Council, Senior Fellow (Eurasia Center and Cyber Statecraft Initiative)

2017 - 2021

Council on Foreign Relations, Term Member

June 2020 - 2024

2019 Virginia House of Delegates, Democratic Nominee, 18th District

2019

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND TESTIMONY

- Testimony on Chinese Cyber Operations, House Select Committee on China (Mar. '25)
- *NotPetya Expert Report (Merck v. Ace American Ins. Co., Oct '20)*
- *Foreign Interference in Ukraine's Democracy* (Atlantic Council, May '19)
- *Defining Russian Election Interference: 2014 - 2018 Incidents* (Atlantic Council, Sep '18)
- *APT28 at the Center of the Storm: Russia's APT28 Evolves its Cyber Operations* (Jan '17)
- *Redline Drawn: China Recalculates its Use of Cyber Espionage* (Jun '16)
- *APT30 and the Mechanics of a Long Running Cyber Espionage Operation* (Apr '15)
- *Behind the Syrian Conflict's Digital Frontlines* (Feb '15)
- *Hacking the Street: FIN4 Likely Playing the Market* (Dec '14)
- *APT28: A Window Into Russian Cyber Operations* (Oct '14)

SECURITY CLEARANCE Active TS SCI (w poly)

LANGUAGES Italian and Spanish