

CATHLEEN KELLY

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Center for American Progress, *Senior Fellow*, January 2013 – present, Washington, DC.

- Write reports, issue briefs and columns analyzing current trends in climate resilience strategies in metropolitan areas, and climate and clean energy policy.
- Develop policy recommendations to manage climate change risks and build resilient, sustainable metropolitan areas and infrastructure.
- Develop policy recommendations to reduce global carbon emissions, manage the risks of rapid Arctic warming and reduce the security risks of climate change in the U.S. and internationally.

Climate Advisers, *Senior Adviser*, May 2013 – August 2013 Washington, DC

- Designed high-impact projects to build climate resilience in cities in the U.S. and internationally and to integrate resilience principals into disaster assistance and multilateral development bank investments.

The German Marshall Fund of the United States, *Director, Climate & Energy Program*, February 2008 – December 2012, Washington, DC. (Special assignment to the White House, 2010-11—see below.)

- Led high-profile program to advance business and policy solutions, in the U.S. and internationally, to accelerate the global transition to clean energy and reduce the risks of climate change.
- Designed and implemented strategies to reduce emissions and build climate resilience in cities, and to infuse innovative ideas into the international energy, climate and sustainable development debates.
- Designed and helped launch an international business and policy leader dialogue to support systems-thinking and new ideas to accelerate the transition to clean energy sources.
- Managed and mentored diverse, internationally dispersed staff and oversaw program budget.
- Designed and moderated events that drew the world's top energy and climate policy players.
- Edited a widely acclaimed paper series, and wrote papers and blog posts on energy and climate policy issues.

White House Council on Environmental Quality, *Deputy Associate Director, Climate Change Adaptation*, September 2010 – October 2011.

- Managed a 20+ agency Climate Change Adaptation Task Force to design a crosscutting strategy to build climate resilience and reduce climate risks to public health, safety and infrastructure in communities across the country.
- Frequently met with mayors, other city officials, and environmental justice advocates to design strategies to reduce climate impacts to communities, particularly in low-income areas.
- Represented the White House positions on climate change and sustainable development at conferences and roundtable discussions with business, local government and NGO leaders.
- Designed and led training sessions for federal agencies on managing climate change risks to communities and infrastructure.
- Led implementation of an Executive Order across 20+ federal agencies to improve the sustainability of federal operations, and reduce climate change risks to federal assets and services.

The Nature Conservancy, *Climate Change Policy Director*, March 2006 – February 2008, ***Senior Program Officer***, February 2003 – March 2006, Arlington, Va.

- Directed climate program for leading environmental non-profit through period of high instability.

- Led the design and implementation of policy outreach and business strategies, including mobilizing the Conservancy field offices, trustees and partners in the U.S. and internationally.
- Shaped the Conservancy's climate change policy positions, including on incentives to reduce deforestation, carbon pricing, and building resilience to climate change.
- Authored a gold standard for forest carbon projects with leading business and NGO partners.

The Center for Clean Air Policy, *Senior Policy Analyst and Manager, International Climate Program*, October 1998 – February 2003, Washington, D.C.

- Advised policy and business leaders in Mexico, the Caribbean, Brazil and Poland on energy and climate policies. Led teams of staff, local partners and consultants to produce original analysis and convened and facilitated dialogue among local stakeholders from different sectors and agencies.
- Developed and presented policy recommendations to senior climate change negotiators from more than 35 countries participating in CCAP's International Climate Policy Dialogue.
- Shaped CCAP's strategic objectives as a member of the Leadership Team.

ICF INCORPORATED, *Senior Associate*, June 1997 – October 1998; ***Associate***, June 1995 – June 1997, Washington, D.C.

- Supported U.S. climate negotiators with analysis of international emissions trading system design.
- Managed junior staff, monitored budgets and wrote funding proposals.

FUNDACION JATUN SACHA, *Volunteer*, October – November 1997, Quito and Esmeraldas, Ecuador

- Wrote grant proposals for multilateral and private sector donors on the Bilsa Biological Reserve.

THE ALLIANCE TO SAVE ENERGY, *Intern*, January – June 1995, Washington, D.C.

- Assessed potential markets for U.S. clean energy technology exports and export promotion programs.
- Wrote paper analyzing the Mexican energy sector and options to increase renewable energy use.

THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW INSTITUTE, *Intern*, June 1994 – August 1994, Chicago, IL

- Recorded war crime testimonies in Bosnia-Herzegovina for UN International War Crimes Tribunal.

THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY, *Program Coordinator*, May 1992 - August 1993, Washington, D.C.

- Implemented a Fulbright fellowship program for library science professionals, planned training sessions on environmental policy and information technology, and monitored program budget.

EDUCATION

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY PAUL H. NITZE SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
Bologna, Italy and Washington, D.C.

M.A. in International Relations with a focus in Energy and Environmental Policy, May 1995

- Groves Haines Award for Excellence in Research and Writing, 1994

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

B.A. in Political Science and Music; cum laude, May 1992

- Semester at Loyola University Rome Center, Rome, Italy, August 1990 - January 1991
- Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities Fellowship, 1992