

Kate Kelly



Experience

CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS

Washington, D.C.

Public Lands Director

March 2017 – present

- Develop policy proposals to further a progressive vision for energy and environment - from overhauling the federal energy program, to more ambitious and equitable land, water, and wildlife protections
- Analyze the Trump administration's anti-nature policies and attacks on public lands, waters, and wildlife
- Publish reports, columns, and op-eds on energy and environment policies; regularly quoted in national and local media outlets, including the *Washington Post*, *Reuters*, and *Politico*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Office of the Secretary

Washington, D.C.

Senior Advisor to the Secretary

Feb. 2015 – Jan. 2017

- Part of small team directing overall strategy for the department, including policy and messaging on energy, public land management, and Indian affairs
- Conceived of, composed, and executed rollout of major policy speeches on the department's energy reforms and the next 100 years of conservation to mark the National Park Service's Centennial year
- Lead communications strategist on keystone policies, including the landmark greater sage-grouse conservation effort and the comprehensive review of the federal coal program

Communications Director

May 2012 – Feb. 2015

- Led an office of 15 people, including a nationally recognized digital team, for two Interior Secretaries
- Coordinated conservation and energy policy messaging for the Obama administration across Interior's nine bureaus with vastly different missions, such as the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs

Deputy Communications Director/Speechwriter

July 2010 – May 2012

- Served as main speechwriter for the Secretary of the Interior
- Managed rollouts for major announcements, including the department's renewable energy program

UNITED STATES SENATE, Office of Arlen Specter

Washington, D.C.

Press Secretary

Sept. 2007 – July 2010

Deputy Press Secretary

Sept. 2006 – 2007

- Directed media and public relations for a senior member of the U.S. Senate
- Navigated Sen. Specter's media relations during major national events, including his party switch and votes on healthcare and the Recovery Act
- Built relationships with national and local reporters; coordinated press interviews, press conferences and public events; wrote press releases and opinion pieces

Assistant to the Chief of Staff

Sept. 2005 – 2006

- Team player in high-pressure environment

Education

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Political Science; Minor: Writing

St. Louis, MO

May 2004