

DR. BRYANT A. JONES

PEOPLE-DRIVEN TEAM LEADER, NETWORKER & POLICY ADVISOR

GLOBAL POLICY & ADVOCACY | ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT | GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | FISCAL OVERSIGHT | PRIVATE EQUITY

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

LEARNER – INPUT – RESTORATIVE – ACHIEVER – ARRANGER

Service-minded professional with a passion for promoting and supporting communities, colleagues, and teams through positive work cultures that embrace equity, inclusion, and differences of opinion. Leverages strong research and qualitative skills to identify opportunity, promote innovation, and create impact to propel organizational missions forward. Servant leader with a reputation for collaboration, where lasting relationships support the development of respectful and productive teams.

CAREER HISTORY

GEOTHERMAL RISING | DENVER, CO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2023 – PRESENT

- ◆ Mobilize a team and Board of Directors who seek to transform the energy mix in the United States through the research, development, and deployment of geothermal energy for electricity generation and direct use heating and cooling applications.
- ◆ Supervise a team of eight staff and budget responsibility for \$4.5 million.
- ◆ Build strong diplomatic relationships with government agencies, policymakers, investors, the media, and publishers.
- ◆ Identify and implement new revenue streams to maintain financial solvency and grow the geothermal industry association.
- ◆ Set policies consistent with the mission of Geothermal Rising and the Board of Directors.
- ◆ Supervise workflow, design, and delivery of nonprofit initiatives and strategic plan.
- ◆ Cultivate and strengthen the geothermal community of over 130 corporate members and 7,000 individuals.

HUMANS OF IDAHO | SANDPOINT, ID

CO-FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

2022 – PRESENT

- ◆ Feature dynamic Idahoans who make a difference in their communities, tell their stories, and raise funds to make a difference.
- ◆ At the intersection of storytelling, social media, microgrants, community development, feature writing, and crowdsourcing.
- ◆ An Idaho-based, IRS-chartered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation (www.humansofidaho.org).

ENERGY RESOURCE ADVISORS, LLC | POST FALLS, ID

FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

2021 – PRESENT

- ◆ Identifies solutions to mitigate and draw down negative impacts of climate change for the private sector, governments, and non-profit organizations (www.energyresourceadvisors.com).
- ◆ Research, analyze, network, and develop solutions to advance an organization into the next energy and technology paradigm.
- ◆ Propelling organizations forward to pass on a healthy and vibrant world to the next generation.
- ◆ Clients include Project InnerSpace (www.projectinnerspace.org) and Geothermal Rising (www.geothermal.org).

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY | BOISE, ID

PHD CANDIDATE OF ENERGY TRANSITION STUDIES

2018 – 2023

- ◆ Research at the nexus of energy policy, public policy, and international affairs. Study how advocacy coalitions and communities frame and narrate their activities, technologies, and objectives in ways that influence policy agenda setting, policy negotiations, and policy implementation.
- ◆ Investigate how society, policy, social equity, politics, and innovation influence agenda setting and policy implementation in the ongoing global energy transformation from carbon-intensive to low-carbon technologies.
- ◆ Profiling the geothermal energy community as the case study for my PhD dissertation.
- ◆ Implement qualitative research methods to collect data and apply through a grounded theory approach that considers theories such as Multiple Streams Theory, Strategic Action Fields, Advocacy Coalition Framework, and Strategic Niche Management.

DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SERVICE (SPS)

2016 – 2018

- ◆ Shaped a new college dedicated to the education of public servants in Idaho and the Pacific Northwest by creating an institute of applied research focused on collecting, analyzing, and informing public policy.
- ◆ Built relationships with state legislators, county commissioners, and local officials while providing opinions and data regarding the challenges facing city and county governments and state agencies in Idaho.
- ◆ Developed scopes of work and agreements for 30 research projects and teamed projects with public policy faculty and students.
- ◆ Cultivated major donors and planned gifts to financially support the objectives of SPS.
- ◆ Fostered and identified internship and research opportunities for students and faculty and assisted academic centers design student programming, panel discussions, and speaking events.

TRUMAN CENTER FOR NATIONAL POLICY | WASHINGTON, DC**HEAD OF DATA AND TECHNOLOGY****2021 – 2021**

- ◆ In response to President Joe Biden’s announcement on the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan and the subsequent collapse of the Afghan government, the Truman Center for National Policy established the Afghan Operations Center, an unprecedented initiative that fostered a coalition seeking to evacuate American allies.
- ◆ Managed and lead the Data and Technology team that responded to over 2,000 incoming email requests about safe passage, recruited and vetted 300 volunteers, created manifests for seven private charter flights, issued over 1,000 boarding passes, provided ground logistics, and built a database containing 13,111 Afghans seeking safe passage out of the country.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE | WASHINGTON, DC**DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND EVALUATION, UNDERSECRETARIAT OF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY****2015 – 2016**

- ◆ Established and led operations for a new unit focused on conducting research and rigorous evaluations of public diplomacy programs, including professional and academic international exchanges.
- ◆ Hired, trained, and managed seven staff, including directors, evaluation professionals, research analysts.
- ◆ Streamlined existing monitoring activities into an all-encompassing research and evaluation capacity while overseeing qualitative research of public diplomacy programs to inform the development of overarching policy.
- ◆ Traveled to embassies worldwide, spending extended periods in foreign countries to collect information and effectively research local public diplomacy initiatives.
- ◆ Developed and navigated an evaluation policy for public diplomacy through the Department of State, leveraging policy to guide activities, illustrate impacts on U.S. foreign policy objectives, and report results to stakeholders.

THE WHITE HOUSE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET | WASHINGTON, DC**2007 – 2016****POLICY ADVISOR FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND PUBLIC DIPLOMACY**

- ◆ Monitored the execution of the foreign affairs budget to evaluate alignment with the President’s priorities for global environmental policies, clean energy loan programs, weather extremes adaptation, and sustainable forestry.
- ◆ Cultivated inter-agency collaboration by overseeing agency involvement in the Presidential policy directive on Global Development, including Global Climate Change Initiative and President’s Partnership for Growth initiative.
- ◆ Coordinated the implementation of the multi-year “Asia Rebalance” and “Global Engagement” initiatives, which shifted foreign assistance and operation resources to East and Southeast Asia.
- ◆ Strategized and developed Presidential objectives to establish a CEO to oversee the U.S. Agency for Global Media.
- ◆ Observed the 2013 Presidential election in Mongolia through the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe.
- ◆ Led budget development for the Departments of Agriculture, Energy, the Interior, Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency while managing budget teams in annual fiscal cycles and reporting.
- ◆ Coordinated and analyzed responses to legislative, budgetary, and legal issues for White House policy officials.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

Doctorate of Philosophy in Public Policy and Administration, a focus on Energy Transition Studies and International Affairs

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Master of Public Administration with a concentration in Managing State and Local Governments

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Biology and Comparative International Politics with a Minor in Asian Studies

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

“The Future of Geothermal in Texas: The Coming Century of Growth,” Energy Institute at the University of Texas Austin, 2023

“Empower the Geothermal Earthshot: Solve the Climate Crisis with Earth’s Energy,” Federation of American Scientists, 2023

“How a few geothermal plants could solve America’s lithium supply crunch and boost the EV battery industry,” *The Conversation*, 2022

“Untapped Geothermal Energy: An Active Negotiation Between Incumbents and Challengers,” Stanford University, 2022.

“These baseload technologies are critical to achieve zero-carbon electric vehicles,” *EnergySource*, Atlantic Council, 2021.

“Second-Order Devolution of Local Activism? Local Air Agencies Revisited,” *Review of Policy Research*, 2019.