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### H.E. Sylvie Lucas, Ambassador of Luxembourg to the United States

On September 16th, 2016, Ambassador Sylvie Lucas presented her Letter of Credence to President Barack Obama.

Prior to her appointment as the 14th Ambassador of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to the United States of America, Ms. Lucas served from August 2008 to August 2016 as Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations in New York.

From 2004 to 2008, Ambassador Lucas held the position of Director for Political Affairs in Luxembourg's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, notably during Luxembourg's Presidency of the European Union in 2005. In this capacity, she was responsible for bilateral political relations, EU common foreign, security and defense policy, NATO, international and regional organizations such as the United Nations, the OSCE, or the Council of Europe, as well as for issues like human rights and rule of law or non-proliferation and disarmament.

The Ambassador also held the post of Deputy Director for Political Affairs from 2000 to 2003. Before, she served for five years as Luxembourg's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, beginning in 1995. Ms. Lucas has furthermore served as Luxembourg's Ambassador to Portugal (2003-2004), and, simultaneously, as non-resident Ambassador to Cabo Verde.

She began her diplomatic career in 1990, when she joined her Foreign Ministry's Directorate for Political and Cultural Affairs. From 1991 to 1995, she served in the Directorate for International Economic Relations.

Throughout her career, Ambassador Lucas has been particularly focused on issues of international peace and security, peacebuilding, development and human rights. In 2009, Ambassador Lucas served as President of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC). In 2013-2014, she was the Representative of Luxembourg on the UN Security Council during Luxembourg's first ever mandate as non-permanent member of the Council and held the Presidency of the Security Council in March 2014. During Luxembourg's mandate on the Council, Ambassador Lucas chaired the Council's Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict, striving to mainstream the fight to end and prevent grave violations against children into the work of the Security Council. From February 2011 to August 2016, she assumed the Presidency of the Guinea Configuration of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission, an illustration of Luxembourg's strong commitment to peacebuilding. From October 2015 to August 2016, Ambassador Lucas served as Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform, upon appointment by the President of the General Assembly.

Ambassador Lucas' tenure in Washington DC will be an opportunity for her to contribute to the further strengthening of the bilateral relations between the United States and Luxembourg in all fields, political, economic and cultural, trade and defense, as well as between the United States and the European Union, drawing on her extensive experience and specific fields of expertise.

Ms. Lucas was born on 30 June 1965. She received a Master of Arts degree in history from the University of Human Sciences in Strasbourg in 1988, and a Master of Arts in European political and administrative studies in 1989 from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. She speaks five languages: Lëtzebuergesch, French, English, German and Portuguese.

Ms. Lucas is also non-resident Ambassador to Canada. On 21 November 2016, she handed over her Letter of Credence to His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada.

## SPEAKER

[Jennifer Griffin, FoxNews \(FNC\) @JenGriffinFNC](#)

Jennifer Griffin joined FOX News Channel (FNC) in October 1999 as a correspondent for the Jerusalem bureau.

Most recently, Griffin delivered live coverage from the crisis in the Middle East from the Israel-Lebanon border. She also reported on Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's hospitalization and provided extensive coverage of the evacuation of Jewish settlements from the Gaza Strip. She is credited with conducting a rare interview with Ariel Sharon, prime minister of Israel. During her tenure at FNC, she has covered Operation Enduring Freedom from Israel and the ongoing Israeli/Palestinian conflict in the Middle East. In 2004, Griffin provided extensive on-site coverage in the wake of the South-East Asia tsunami tragedy from Phuket, Thailand.

Prior to joining FNC, Griffin covered the Middle East region for several American media organizations including the Associated Press, National Public Radio and U.S. News and World Report. Previously, she reported for The Sowetan newspaper in Johannesburg, South Africa, where she covered Nelson Mandela's release from prison and numerous other historic moments in South Africa's transition away from apartheid.

A graduate of Harvard University in 1992, Griffin received a Bachelor's degree in comparative politics.

## DINNER GUESTS

[Ria Bailey-Galvis, Google @riajbg](#)

**Ria Bailey-Galvis** is an International Relations Analyst on the International Policy team in Public Policy and Government Affairs in the Washington DC Google office. In this position she mainly focuses on issues of free expression, human rights and diplomatic relations, with a smaller emphasis on international trade and international organizations. Prior, Ria completed the two-year PDP analyst and auditor training program at the U.S. Government Accountability Office where she reviewed agencies such as State Department and SEC on various U.S. policies including reviewing anti-terrorism compliance for development aid to West Bank & Gaza. She presented policy recommendations to congressional committees including the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and Senate Sub-Committee on Economic Policy.

Prior to GAO, Ria worked at Frontier Strategy Group in Washington DC, a start-up consulting firm advising Fortune 500 companies in emerging markets. Over the course of her time at Georgetown, Ria worked for the U.S. State Department on the Colombia Desk in Washington DC, for the Colombian Government's National Planning Department in Bogotá, Colombia and was a research intern for USAID and the Brookings institute. Ria is a double Hoya - She earned her BSFS focusing on international politics and development, and MA in Latin American Studies, focusing on human rights & business, both from Georgetown's School of Foreign Service.

[Nancy Cordes, Congressional Correspondent, BCS News @Nancycordes](#)

**Nancy Cordes** is CBS News' Congressional correspondent. She is based in Washington, D.C. and contributes to all CBS news broadcasts and platforms.

In this role, Cordes has reported on major stories such as the rise of the Tea Party and the battle over President Obama's health care law. Cordes also extensively covered the debt ceiling and fiscal cliff

negotiations in Washington. She was a key part of CBS News' coverage of the 2008 and 2010 congressional elections and traveled with the Obama campaign during the network's coverage of Campaign 2012.

Cordes joined CBS News in 2007 as Transportation and Consumer Safety correspondent, where she covered significant stories about the nation's transportation infrastructure and important safety issues.

Previously, Cordes was an ABC News correspondent based in New York (2005-07), where she reported for all ABC News broadcasts and covered major news stories including Hurricane Katrina, the war in Iraq and the 2004 election. Before that, she was a Washington-based correspondent for NewsOne, the affiliate news service of ABC News (2003-04). Prior to ABC News, Cordes was a reporter for WJLA-TV Washington, D.C. (1999-2003). While at WJLA-TV, Cordes covered the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the Pentagon, the 2000 presidential race, the Washing, D.C.-area sniper attacks, and peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia. She began her career as a reporter for KHNL-TV Honolulu (1995-97).

Cordes was born in Los Angeles and grew up in Hawaii on the islands of Kauai and Oahu. She was graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania in 1995. Cordes received a master's degree in public policy from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

### [Veronique Dockendorf, Deputy Chief of Mission, Luxembourg @VeroDockendorf](#)

PERSONAL DETAILS: Born on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1977; married, three children

PRESENT PROFESSIONAL STATUS:

- Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Luxembourg in Washington, DC

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL STATUS:

- Deputy Political Director and European Correspondent, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Luxembourg, 2012-2016
- First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Luxembourg to the United Nations (Election officer, campaign for a Security Council seat for Luxembourg), New York, 2009-2012
- First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations (Security Council Team), New York, 2008
- Desk Officer for Transatlantic Relations and the Western Balkans, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Luxembourg, September 2005-end2007
- Desk Officer for Transatlantic Relations and Assistant to the Political Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Luxembourg, September 2003- September 2005

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- Studies of history, international relations and political science at the Universities of Strasbourg (France) and Sorbonne, Paris (France)

LANGUAGES:

- Fluent in Luxembourgish, French, German and English; basic knowledge of Dutch and Portuguese

### [Kristen Honey, Sr Policy Analyst in OMB OFCIO, The White House @khoney](#)

**Kristen Honey** is a Senior Policy Analyst at the White House, Office of Management and Budget, in Washington, D.C. Her portfolio in previous roles at the Office of Science and Technology included open data, My Data (e.g., Blue Button My Data health IT interoperability, Green Button My Data energy), and data-driven innovations for invisible illness, mental health, and the President's policy priorities. Kristen was a 2013-2015 AAAS S&TP Fellow through the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) at U.S. Department of Energy EERE Strategic Programs. Prior employers include NOAA Fisheries, USGS, CALFED, Environmental Defense Fund, the private consulting firm Eastern Research Group, and her own co-founded technology start-up company.

She is originally from Portland, Maine, and the small island community of Long Island, Maine. Kristen holds a Stanford University PhD in Environment & Resources, which focused on ecology, while simultaneously earning a PhD Minor in Civil & Environmental Engineering. Her Masters degree in Environmental Studies is from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She completed her undergraduate degree at Stanford University in Human Biology with Honors.

Kristen brings unique experience and passion for synthesizing science and applying it to real-world policy and management challenges. She gravitates to “wicked problems”: public health, Lyme disease, invisible illness, ecosystem resilience, energy security, climate change, and transforming scientific methods through open data, open source, and open science. Across these diverse topics and experiences, one common denominator is addressing real-world challenges through a problem-solving lens of complex, adaptive systems and open science. Irrespective of context, Kristen is a problem solver with deep desire for pragmatic, sustainable, and long-term solutions that make a difference on the ground and in people’s lives.

### **H.E. Kristi Kauppi, Ambassador of Finland to the US @KirstiKauppi**

**Kirsti Kauppi** is the Ambassador of Finland to the United States. She started in Washington D.C. on September 1, 2015. Ambassador Kauppi has over 30 years of experience in foreign policy. She joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1983, and started working in development cooperation. Prior to coming to Washington D.C., she worked as Director General of the Political Department.

Her most recent post abroad was Vienna, where she served as Ambassador of Finland and as Finland's Permanent Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency IAEA and the UN Agencies. She has gained international experience also in the Finnish embassies in Bangkok and Berlin, as well as in Finland's Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels. In addition, Ambassador Kauppi is familiar with the U.S. She worked at the Embassy of Finland in Washington D.C. in 1997-2000.

Ambassador Kauppi grew up in northern Finland, in a small village close to Oulu. She studied in the Helsinki School of Economics and Business Administration, and received her Master's degree in Economics in 1981. She has always been interested in history and international affairs, so it is no surprise that she has made her career in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

### **H.E. Dina Kavar, Ambassador of Jordan to the US @AmbKawar**

**Dina Kavar** was appointed as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United States of America in June 2016.

Ambassador Kavar also served as the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations from August 2014 to June 2016. She has led the Jordanian delegation during Jordan’s non-permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council from 2014 to 2015 and became the first Arab woman to ever preside over the Council. In February 2016, she was appointed by the President of the General Assembly as a co-facilitator for the high-level meeting of the plenary of the General Assembly on the large movement of refugees and migrants to take place in September 2016.

Prior to her position in New York, Her Excellency Dina Kavar served as the Ambassador of Jordan to France from 2001 to 2013, with concurrent accreditation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and to the Holy See, since 2002. She also served as Ambassador of Jordan to Portugal from 2005 to 2013.

Ambassador Kavar was awarded the Medal of Independence of the first degree by His Majesty King Abdulla II of Jordan and holds a number of decorations including the “Commandeur De La Legion d’Honneur” from France, the “Medalha de D. Afonso Henriques” from Portugal and the “Insignes de Dame de Grand-Croix de l’Ordre de Saint Grégoire le Grand” from the Holy See.

Ambassador Kavar holds a master's degree in international affairs from Columbia University and a bachelor's degree in international relations from Mills College, both in the United States. She attended Harvard's Center for International Affairs from 1986 to 1987. She speaks Arabic, French and English.

### Michelle Keegan, CSIS

**Michelle Powers Keegan** is Chief Development Officer at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), a world-renowned Think Tank based in Washington, DC. She is responsible for leading the Center's fundraising efforts including corporate relations, foundation and government grants, and individual giving. Prior to joining CSIS, Keegan was Chief Development Officer at The ALS Association, a national health nonprofit with 38 chapters, where she led their development efforts, including the \$23 Million annual *Walk to Defeat ALS*. Before that she was Director of Development at the historic Ford's Theatre where she was responsible for all fundraising activities, as well as the *Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Campaign*, successfully raising over \$50 Million for the largest and most comprehensive renovation effort in the Theatre's long history.

Prior to her work at Ford's Theatre Ms. Keegan was Director of Major Gifts at the national headquarters of Volunteers of America where she managed a partnership with the Major League Baseball Players Association. She also launched the individual giving program at the International Center for Research on Women.

She came to Washington from New York City where she managed special events and alumni relations for the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University and was the head of marketing and events for the famous Village Gate jazz club. She also consulted on marketing, fundraising and special events for several arts organizations in New York; and worked as a special assistant to one of NYC's top wedding and event planners, Marcy Blum.

Ms. Keegan is an active member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Washington, DC Chapter, having served on the board from 2004-2010, and is currently co-chairing the Bridge Conference. Ms. Keegan also volunteers and supports various nonprofit organizations in the Washington, DC area and in her original home state of Maine. She holds a B.A. in Communications from the University of Southern Maine, and is a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. She is also an accomplished professional actress and singer.

### Coach Kathy Kemper, Institute for Education @CoachKemper

**Kathy Kemper** is the Founder & CEO of The Institute for Education. Known as "Coach" to many, she is founder and CEO of the Institute for Education, a non-profit foundation that recognizes and promotes leadership, civility, and finding common ground, locally, nationally, and in the world community. IFE also educates youth for global citizenship with programs that foster intercultural appreciation.

Called Washington's "Networker in Chief" by US News and World Report, Coach Kemper also founded INFO, a program of IFE. INFO is a roundtable public affairs forum that draws diplomats, influential public officials, senior media, gamechangers, and business leaders from both sides of the aisle for debate and discussion. INFO speakers have included Supreme Court Justices, a Vice President, Senators, Nobel laureates, Cabinet secretaries, Ambassadors, Governors, technology titans, and a professional athlete.

A former professional tennis player, Kemper served as head Women's Tennis Coach at Georgetown University from 1978 to 1990. She coached Georgetown's No. 1 player to a four-year undefeated match play streak and to the Big East and NCAA National Woman's Division II title in 1983.

Kemper is a sought-after speaker on issues from Title IX and gender equity due to her unique, insider's view of Washington. She has spent more than 25 years coaching tennis for Washington's powerbrokers and opinion makers—hitting the courts with Supreme Court Justices, members of the United States Congress and United States Secretaries of State through five administrations, at The White House, Senate Court and Embassy courts.



Well known in Washington's diplomatic community, Kemper has received awards and recognition from the Japanese, Swedish and Chinese governments for her commitment to cross-cultural dialogue, friendship, and understanding. Most recently she was honored by H.E. Ichiro Fujisaki, at the Japanese residence. She has been honored by numerous organizations for her leadership, her commitment to promoting collaborative and global dialogue, and her philanthropic efforts.

She has been awarded numerous Woman of the Year honors from various groups. She was named the Prince Sporting Goods' Woman of the Year and received recognition from the National Association of Women in Business. A frequent op-ed writer and columnist, her work has been featured in *The Hill*, *USA Today*, *Roll Call*, *The Washington Examiner*, *Newsday*, *Hurriyet Daily News*, *The Bangkok Post*, *Vietnam Daily*, *Hanoi Times*, *The Globalist*, *The Washington Diplomat*, *Washington Life*, *CCTV*, and *The Huffington Post*. Coach Kemper lives in Washington D.C. and Rancho Sante Fe, California

## H.E. Prof. Mathilde Mukantabana, Ambassador of Rwanda to the United States

@AmbMukantabana

**Professor Mathilde Mukantabana** is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Rwanda to the United States of America and non-resident Ambassador to Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina.

Prior to her appointment, Ambassador Mathilde Mukantabana was a tenured Professor of History at Cosumnes River College (CRC) in Sacramento, California from 1994 to 2013. She is also co-founder and President of Friends of Rwanda Association (F.O.R.A), a non-profit American relief association created in the wake of the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda. Since its inception, FORA's dual purpose has been to expand the circle of friends of Rwanda and to support survivors of 1994 Genocide through a variety of initiatives and relief efforts. In addition, under the aegis of United Nations for Development Programs (UNDP), Ambassador Mukantabana started the academic program of Social Work at the National University of Rwanda in 1999, and as an Invited Lecturer taught a variety of subjects in their summer program until recently.

Ambassador Mukantabana has been a passionate community organizer for several decades and was a co-founder of many associations and organizations whose main purpose was to promote a positive engagement and collaboration of the Rwandan communities in the United States of America with other groups and organizations for the benefit of their respective countries. She is an active Board Member of the Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Sonoma State University in California and belongs to many local and international organizations including the International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS) and the Organization of African Leaders in Diaspora (OALD) that she co-founded and for which she is currently acting as Chair of the Board.

In her capacity as a college professor and as President of F.O.R.A., Ambassador Mukantabana was actively involved in various academic and civic engagements. She organized numerous domestic and international workshops and conferences on genocide and on the Rwandan experience. A featured presenter at several film festivals and an international in-demand speaker, Ambassador Mukantabana has won many awards attesting to her accomplishments including the 2012 Peace and Justice Award from the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution (CAPCR); Peace and Global Peace Award (on behalf of Friends of Rwanda Association) by Global Majority, 2012 and Crystal Apple Award for Best Instructor at Cosumnes River College, 2012. In addition, she was listed in *Who's Who among Professionals in America 2003*

Fluent in English, French, Kinyarwanda and Kirundi, Ambassador Mukantabana holds a Bachelors degree in History and Geography from the University of Burundi as well as a Masters degree in Social Work with special emphasis in Community Organization, Planning and Administration and a Masters of Arts in History from California State University in Sacramento, California, USA.

## Maureen O'Connell, VP Regulatory Affairs, Charter Communications Inc.

No bio.

## Jennifer Rudy, Microsoft @jsrudy

**Jennifer Rudy** leads the U.S. strategy for building relationships and partnerships with organizations that support Microsoft's US Public Sector business. Throughout Jennifer's 18-year career at the company, she has built from the ground up multiple strategic marketing initiatives focused on government, education and the commercial sectors in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, as well as the U.S. Recognized as strategic, creative, passionate, and a natural connector, Jennifer has consistently delivered initiatives where she not only created the vision, but also executed successfully across internal and external stakeholders to deliver impact to all involved. Jennifer's roles at the company have ranged from marketing, business development, community affairs and account management.

Prior to Microsoft, Jennifer worked at the International Executive Service Corps, a global non-profit focused on business development initiatives in emerging markets. While there, Jennifer lived and worked across cities and regions across Central Europe and the former Soviet Union.

## Jan Smith, Broadcast Journalist

**Jan Smith** is an esteemed national news correspondent who covered national and local news for WTTG Television for 12 years. Currently a freelance television journalist, Jan recently completed a series of videos for the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery interviewing the four female Supreme Court Justices. Previously, Jan reported a series on U.S. presidents for National Geographic Television and won a National Headliner's Award for a military pay report for CNN. Jan also moderated a health care show that was part of a Gracie Award-winning series and aired on PBS stations. Jan serves as co-chair for the Partners in Research signature program at Georgetown University Medical Center.

In 2002 *The Washingtonian* magazine named her "Washingtonian of the Year" in recognition of her efforts to increase federal support for cancer research. She is also an accomplished public Speaker, emceeding for numerous charitable events and panels. Jan Smith is a faithful and tireless advocate for social and medical equality in our nation's capital.

## Sita Sonty, Director, National Security and Foreign Policy, Raytheon International

**S. Sita Sonty** is director for foreign policy and national security at Raytheon International, Inc. Raytheon Company (NYSE: RTN), with 2016 sales of \$24 billion and 63,000 employees, is a technology and innovation leader specializing in defense, civil government and cybersecurity solutions. Raytheon is headquartered in Waltham, Massachusetts. Prior to joining Raytheon, Sonty was a foreign service officer for the U.S. Department of State with 15 years of service. At the State Department, Sonty served as the executive secretary of the International Security Advisory Board while overseeing Global Strategy for the Political Military Affairs Bureau. Prior to her senior management role, she directed foreign military and direct commercial sales and arms transfers to South and Central Asia as a senior Advisor. Sonty also served as Senior Political Desk Officer for Indian Affairs and as Attache for Cultural and Educational Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Zagreb, Croatia. Prior to her service in Zagreb, Sonty served as the Attache for Cultural and Educational Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli, Libya (2007–2009), as the Desk Officer for Syria at the State Department in Washington (2005–2007), as the Desk Officer for Iraq (2005), as Political Action Officer at the Coalition Provisional Authority (and, subsequently, the U.S. Embassy) in Baghdad (2004), and as a Vice Consul at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, Egypt (2003–2005.) She was a member of the Political cone of the Foreign Service and the American Foreign Service Association. Sonty's native tongue is Telugu; she also speaks Hindi, French, Arabic, Croatian, and Urdu. She received two individual Superior Honor Awards from the U.S. Department of State for her work on the Israel-Lebanon war in 2006 and for her Economic Statecraft Program in Southeast Europe in 2013. Sonty has also received the Linguist Award for her fluency in Serbo-Croatian. Sonty graduated with distinction

from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, earning a Master's degree in Conflict Management, African Studies, and Development Finance. She studied abroad through the Vassar-Wesleyan Program in Paris (1998) and the Centre des Etudes Maghrebienne en Tunisie (CEMAT) Summer Fellowship (2001). Sonty graduated magna cum laude from Amherst College, earning her Bachelors degree in Political Science and Economics. At Amherst, she earned the Densmore Berry Collins Award for Best Political Science Thesis on the topic of Suicide Law in the U.S.

### **Cecilia Vega, White House Correspondent, ABC @CeciliaVega**

**Cecilia Vega** is ABC News' Senior White House Correspondent. Her work can be seen on "Good Morning America," "World News Tonight," "Nightline" and "20/20."

During the 2016 presidential race, Cecilia led ABC's coverage of Hillary Clinton's campaign. She also covered Senator Bernie Sanders' presidential bid, spending more than 500 days on the campaign trail, logging more than 239,000 miles—all while anchoring the Saturday edition of World News Tonight.

Since joining ABC News in 2011 as correspondent based in the Los Angeles bureau, Cecilia's assignments have taken her around the world, from London for the Olympics, to Rome for the selection of a new pope and inside Japan's Fukushima power plant.

Cecilia has reported on the election and inauguration of President Barack Obama. She has interviewed everyone from Mexico's President Enrique Peña Nieto to Sylvester Stallone. She's been to the bottom of the Arctic in a submarine, petted whales in the Sea of Cortez and even got to dance Gangnam Style with Psy.

Before joining ABC News, Cecilia was an Emmy-winning reporter for ABC's KGO-TV in San Francisco. And prior to transitioning to broadcast news, Cecilia made her mark as an award winning print reporter, most recently at The San Francisco Chronicle.

Cecilia is a San Francisco Bay Area native. She and her husband live in Washington.

### **Cori Zarek, Former Deputy U.S. Chief Technology Officer, The White House**

**@corizarek**

**Cori Zarek** is a Senior Tech Policy Fellow with the Mozilla Foundation. Before joining Mozilla, Cori was Deputy U.S. Chief Technology Officer at the White House where she led the team's work to build a more digital, open, and collaborative government. Cori also coordinated U.S. involvement with the global Open Government Partnership, a 75-country initiative driving greater transparency and accountability around the world. Previously, she was an attorney at the U.S. National Archives, working on open government and freedom of information policy. Before joining the U.S. government, Cori was the Freedom of Information Director at The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press where she assisted journalists with legal issues, and she also practiced for a Washington law firm. She was inducted into the Freedom of Information Hall of Fame in 2016 and in 2017 was awarded the Institute for Education's Open Government Award. Cori is also the President of the D.C. Open Government Coalition and teaches a media law class at American University.