

Jason Thomas Barnosky, PhD

O: 703.413.1100 ext. 5369 | M: 202.557.9111 | barnosky@rand.com

Summary

Homeland security policy expert with extensive experience leading complex projects and teams with diverse skills and backgrounds. Broad contact base in the executive branch, state and local organizations, and on Capitol Hill. Active Top Secret clearance.

Experience

SENIOR POLITICAL SCIENTIST | RAND CORPORATION | 2018 – PRESENT

- Lead teams focused on improving strategic decision-making in homeland security, emergency management, critical infrastructure, and related areas
- Co-led complex research projects evaluating the use of insurance for disasters and promoting resilience, assessing and improving human capital services, and analyzing training and education systems; responsible for research design and execution, budget management, and team leadership
- Contributed subject matter expertise, research, and writing to projects on a broad range of topics, including simplifying FEMA's Public Assistance grant program and the impact of Covid-19 on critical infrastructure sectors

SENIOR ASSOCIATE | CADMUS GROUP/OBSIDIAN | 2015 - 2018

- Led team supporting FEMA's National Preparedness Assessment Division—managing a \$3 million a year contract and approximately twenty analysts across nine task areas covering preparedness assessments and projects, such as the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment process grant effectiveness case studies, and strategic planning
- Spearheaded development of three *National Preparedness Reports*, annual evaluations of the progress and challenges the United States has faced in preparedness, managing five teams of analysts over a nine-month development period and interagency review process before delivery to the White House
- Directed support for FEMA's Technological Hazards Division—managing a \$500,000 contract and five analysts developing tools, dashboards, and reports to support reasonable assurance assessments for nuclear power plants
- Led recruiting, hiring, and orientation for practice area; hired approximately 15 team members over a two-year period

DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION | 2015

- Managed the activities of NEMA's Washington, DC office, which included advocating on behalf of state emergency management directors and managing the office's budget
- Led engagement with state emergency management directors, including gathering, evaluating, and sharing information on congressional and executive branch activities
- Prepared congressional testimony on behalf of NEMA's membership, as well as letters to congressional committees and members of Congress, and represented NEMA to federal decisionmakers

- Led engagement with the National Homeland Security Consortium, an organization of state and local officials, to develop policy papers on topical subjects, such as lessons learned from the response to the Ebola virus

SENIOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF | U.S. SENATE HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE | 2009 - 2015

- Served as a senior advisor to chairmen Lieberman and Carper on a diverse set of homeland security, emergency management, and counterterrorism issues—with deep expertise in national preparedness, disaster management, resilience, first responders, and fusion center programs and policies
- Led committee’s oversight and investigative work on a wide range of issue, including the law enforcement response in Ferguson, Missouri; the Boston Marathon bombing; Hurricane Sandy; the Gulf Coast oil spill; and FEMA’s preparedness for catastrophic disasters
- Drafted and negotiated legislation on homeland security and governmental affairs issues with the White House and executive branch agencies, the offices of Senate and House members, and national, state, and local organizations
- Developed legislative strategy, drafted, and negotiated into law the *Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2012* and the *U.S. Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2012*
- Led oversight efforts in select areas and coordinated hearings, information requests, and interviews with government officials at the federal, state, and local levels, as well as experts from the academic community, the private sector, and non-profit organizations
- Evaluated and interviewed nominees for Presidential appointments, advised the chairman on their qualifications, and organized nomination hearings
- Prepared speeches, hearing statements, floor statements, and press releases for the chairman, as well as committee reports accompanying legislation

SENIOR ANALYST | GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILTY OFFICE | 2005 - 2009

- Investigated and evaluated programs addressing a variety of homeland security issues, including transportation security, risk management, maritime security, information sharing, critical infrastructure protection, and human capital
- Developed and wrote key sections of several program evaluations, including GAO’s first Department of Homeland Security progress report, a 320-page analysis of the department’s overall mission and management performance
- Prepared U.S. Comptroller General’s statement and briefing material for congressional testimony, drafted answers for committee questions, and prepared responses to committee follow-up requests

Education

- PhD | Brown University | 2004
- BA | New York University | 1997

Professional Affiliations

- Senior Fellow | George Washington University Center for Cyber and Homeland Security | 2015 - 2017
- Nonresident Scholar | The Brookings Institution | 2015

Select Publications

- “Creating the Right Incentives for State and Local Government to Reduce Disaster Costs,” *The Hill*, October 2020 (with Lloyd Dixon and Noreen Clancy)
- *Insuring Public Buildings, Contents, Vehicles, and Equipment against Disasters: Current Practices of State and Local Government and Options for Closing the Insurance Gap*, October 2020 (with Lloyd Dixon and Noreen Clancy)
- “What Can FEMA Learn from the Historic 2017 Hurricane and Wildfire Season,” *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, February 2020 (with Patrick Roberts and Joie D. Acosta)
- “Paris Insights,” George Washington University Center for Cyber & Homeland Security publication, November 2015 (contributor)
- “Fusion Centers: What’s Working and What Isn’t,” *Brookings Institution*, March 2015
- “The Secret Service: What’s Next for the New Director,” *Brookings Institution*, February 2015
- “Before the Storm: Shifting Federal Disaster Policy toward Mitigation,” *Brookings Institution*, February 2015
- *Security and Savings: The Importance of Consolidating the Department of Homeland Security’s Headquarters at St. Elizabeths*, a Majority Staff Report issued by Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, September 19, 2014 (co-author)
- *Flashing Red: A Special Report on the Terrorist Attack at Benghazi*, issued by Chairman and Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, December 30, 2012 (co-author)
- *Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act of 2012*, U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Report, December 2012 (co-author)
- *Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2011*, U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Report, June 2011
- *Redundancy Elimination and Enhanced Performance for Preparedness Grants Act*, U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Report, September 2010
- *Transportation Security: Comprehensive Risk Assessments and Stronger Internal Controls Needed to Help Inform TSA Resource Allocation*, GAO-09-492, March 27, 2009. GAO Managing Director Testimony before the Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, Homeland Security Committee, U.S. House of Representatives (analyst and co-author)
- *Risk Management: Strengthening the Use of Risk Management Principles in Homeland Security*, GAO-08-904T, June 25, 2008 (analyst and co-author)
- *Information Sharing Environment: Definition of the Results to Be Achieved in Improving Terrorism-Related Information Sharing Is Needed to Guide Implementation and Assess Progress*, GAO-08-492, June 25, 2008 (analyst and co-author)
- *Department of Homeland Security: Progress Made in Implementation of Management and Mission Functions, but More Work Remains*, GAO-08-457T, February 13, 2008. Comptroller General Testimony

before the Subcommittee on Homeland Security, Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives (analyst and co-author)

- *Department of Homeland Security: Progress Report on the Implementation of Mission and Management Functions*, GAO-07-1240T, September 18, 2007. Comptroller General Testimony before the before the Committee on Homeland Security, U.S. House of Representatives (analyst and co-author)
- *Department of Homeland Security: Progress Report on the Implementation of Mission and Management Functions*, GAO-07-1081T, September 6, 2007. Comptroller General Testimony before the before the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, U.S. Senate (analyst and co-author)
- *Department of Homeland Security: Progress Report on the Implementation of Mission and Management Functions*, GAO-07-454, August 17, 2007 (analyst and co-author)
- *Financial Market Regulation: Agencies Engaged in Consolidated Supervision Can Strengthen Performance Measurement and Collaboration*, GAO-07-154, March 15, 2007 (analyst and co-author).
- *Military Disability System: Improved Oversight Needed to Ensure Consistent and Timely Outcomes for Reserve and Active Duty Service Members*, GAO-06-362, March 31, 2006 (analyst and co-author)
- “The Violent Years: Responses to Juvenile Crime in the 1950s,” *Polity*: July 2006
- “Dead End: Why Chile May Offer the Best View of the Road Ahead for America’s School Voucher Bandwagon,” *The American Prospect*: 6 February 2004