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POLICY AND DEFENSE EXPERIENCE

RAND CORPORATION

Santa Monica, CA

Senior Policy Analyst

February 2019-Present

- Co-leading research study—after successfully proposing and winning funding through Project Air Force’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiative—to identify dominant narratives, cultural attributes, and policy approaches that impede or facilitate DEI efforts within the US Air Force.
- Led case study analysis, expert interviews, and quantitative analysis to assess the value of time during embassy attacks in Africa and overall threat level trends; was lead author on report detailing case studies.
- Assists the Associate Director for the International Security and Defense Policy Center in strategizing for and assessing new funding opportunities, as well as drafting and refining proposals.
- Liaised with project sponsors from the Office of the Secretary of Defense on numerous projects.
- Conducted research and contributed to analysis, briefings, and publications on Special Operations Forces and the need for Light Attack Aircraft in U.S. Africa Command; next generation Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance capabilities for U.S. Special Operations Command; coalition support to the Afghan Air Force; defense strategic readiness; and the air campaign against the Islamic State.
- Gave numerous press interviews regarding Sudan, South Sudan, and East African geopolitical events.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Khartoum, Sudan

United States Embassy Khartoum

October 2015-September 2017

Lead Conflicts Officer and Strategic Advisor to the Special Envoy

- Served as the United States’ focal point for all inter- and intrastate conflict issues in Sudan.
- Conducted in-depth field research and analysis on the state of the conflicts, access points to influence the parties, and current prospects for peace and related governance reforms.
- Represented the United States at all negotiations and international fora dealing with the conflicts in Sudan and served as the key liaison to Sudan’s two peacekeeping missions.
- Wrote key strategy papers on engaging with Sudanese and international actors to resolve the conflicts and create the political space necessary for long term governance reforms and stability.

Office of the U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan and South Sudan

Washington, DC

Negotiations and Strategy Advisor

April 2013-October 2015

- Advised key decision makers on the conflicts in Sudan and South Sudan, both staffing the Special Envoy and participating in mediation efforts and events led by international partners.
- Developed and executed strategies for engagement with Sudanese opposition groups.
- Negotiated numerous resolutions, including the mandate renewal for the Independent Expert for Sudan, as a United States delegate to the UN Human Rights Council 24th Session in Geneva.

THE WHITE HOUSE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Washington, DC

Special Assistant for African Affairs, Presidential Management Fellow

October 2012-March 2013

- Led strategic planning efforts for the President’s Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), advising National Security Staff and other senior White House officials.
- Managed initial outreach to private, academic, and non-profit sectors in support of YALI.
- Coordinated the Interagency Planning Committee (IPC) process for the visit of four African Heads of State/Government to Washington, D.C., to include a meeting with the President.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE RESERVE 459 Air Refueling Wing, Joint Base Andrews, MD
Superintendent of Intelligence Operations, Master Sergeant January 2010-January 2013

- Analyzed and researched geo-political issues, trends, and events to brief Commanders, as well as other essential units and members, on a daily basis during duty as Reserve member.
- Managed a team of six analysts; ensured mission and training requirements were completed.
- Deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as the Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge of intelligence for a unit supporting C-17 airlift and KC-135 air refueling operations.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE Khartoum, Sudan
Office of the U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan and South Sudan August 2011-September 2012
South Sudan Desk Officer, Presidential Management Fellow

- Monitored and analyzed developments in South Sudan; developed policy recommendations; and represented the Special Envoy's Office in bilateral, multilateral, and interagency meetings.
- Composed briefing and policy memos, as well as press guidance and statements, for high-level officials.

CIVIL AVIATION INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS CENTER Bolling Air Force Base, DC
Intelligence Analyst June 2011-August 2011

- Published findings after in-depth research and analysis on the illicit use of foreign civil aviation, focused on the effects of arms trafficking in Africa on national and humanitarian interests.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT Washington, DC
Congressional Liaison Intern October 2010-April 2011

- Prepared reports on legislative activities for USAID Administrator and agency-wide release.
- Researched key policy issues and documentation for Congressional hearings and compiled briefing books.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE RESERVE 934 Airlift Wing, Minneapolis, MN
Intelligence Analyst, Master Sergeant, Air Reserve Technician February 2001-December 2009

- Served as the lead anti-terrorism and force protection intelligence analyst for 1,400 member unit, while attending Augsburg College full-time on nights and weekends.
- Briefed critical intelligence to personnel deploying to locations worldwide, including combat zones.
- Engineered two new processes for deployed collection and presentation of real-time threats; briefed threats to aircrew flying combat missions in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

PUBLICATIONS

Becker, Derick, Aberg, John H.S., **Burns, Jacqueline G.** *The Will to Do Good and the Clash of Practices: Understanding Sudanese Sanctions Relief.* (Forthcoming – Review and Resubmit)

Burns, Jacqueline G., Mouton, Christopher A., Grissom, Adam, Godges, John (2020). *Seizures of Western Diplomatic Facilities.* Santa Monica, CA: RAND.

Martin, Bradley, Linick, Michael E., Fraade-Blanar, Laura, **Burns, Jacqueline G.**, Foran, Christy M., Romita Grocholski, Krista, Hastings, Katherine C., Litterer, Sydney J., Lynch, Kristin F., Mondschein, Jared (2020). *Measuring Strategic Readiness.* Santa Monica, CA: RAND.

Mouton, Christopher A., Grissom, Adam, Bartels, Elizabeth M., Baveye, Damien, **Burns, Jacqueline G.**, Godges, John., Harting, Sarah, Lee, Caitlin, Pillion, Stephanie Anne, Simpson, Michael, Smith, Victoria M. (2020). *Capabilities-Based Assessment of SOCOM's Next-Generation ISR.* Santa Monica, CA: RAND.

Mouton, Christopher A., Doll, Abby, Grissom, Adam R., **Burns, Jacqueline G.**, Hanson, Russel, Godges, John P. (2019). *Setting the AFRICOM Area of Responsibility for Crisis Response.* Santa Monica, CA: RAND.

Burns, Jacqueline G. (2010). *Humanitarian Aid v. National Interests: The Current Dilemma in Pakistan*. Georgetown Public Policy Review, Online Edition.

INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Burns, Jacqueline G. (November 2020). International Negotiations in Sudan, South Sudan, and the UN Human Rights Council. Invited lecture for graduate class, Humphry School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.

Burns, Jacqueline G., Becker, Derick (March 2020). Asleep at the Switch: U.S. Foreign Policy in Africa. International Studies Association 61st Annual Convention: Honolulu, HI. (Cancelled due to Covid-19)

Burns, Jacqueline G. (April 2019). U.S. Foreign Policy, Sanctions Relief, and Peace Processes in Sudan. Invited lecture for graduate class, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, Georgetown Public Policy Institute Washington, DC
Master of Public Policy, Concentration in International Policy and Development May 2011
Thesis: *How is Genocide Possible? The Effects of Poverty and Other Economic Factors on the Onset of Genocide*

AUGSBURG COLLEGE Minneapolis, MN
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Minors in International Relations and History June 2008
Magna Cum Laude and Departmental Honors
Honors Thesis: *The Responsibility to Protect: A Path Forward for Humanitarian Intervention*

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

TRUMAN NATIONAL SECURITY PROJECT Washington, DC
Security Fellow January 2020-Present

JESSICA MORSE FOR CONGRESS Truckee, CA
Field Organizer July 2018-November 2018

MARGE DOYLE FOR CONGRESS Joshua Tree, CA
Communications Director and Policy Advisor February-June 2018

GEORGETOWN PUBLIC POLICY REVIEW Washington, DC
Online Staff Writer and Copy Editor September 2009-May 2011

934 AIRLIFT WING ENLISTED ADVISORY COUNCIL Minneapolis, MN
President January 2005-December 2006

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Superior Honor Award, United States Department of State 2017, 2016
Meritorious Honor Award, United States Department of State 2014
Letter of Appreciation, United States National Security Advisor 2013
Commendation Medal, United States Air Force 2010, 2008, 2005, 2003
NATO Medal, North Atlantic Treaty Organization 2004
Achievement Medal, United States Air Force 2004, 2002
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary & Service Medals, United States Air Force 2003