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Joe Bartlett is a Legislative Assistant for Congressman Francis Rooney (FL-19), handling foreign policy, defense, homeland security and trade issues, among others. Joe has participated in foreign policy fellowships and programs with the Council on Foreign Relations, the Wilson Center, Partnership for a Secure America, and The Heritage Foundation. His primary professional interests include geopolitics and intelligence issues and policy.

Originally from Minnesota, he graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2016, and began working on Capitol Hill for Congressman John Kline (ret.) in January 2016. In his free time, he enjoys playing golf, working out, and reading.

Samia Brahimí

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Samia Brahimí is a Senior Professional Staff Member on the House Foreign Affairs Committee. In this capacity she oversees the Committee's terrorism, transnational crime and diplomatic security portfolios. Samia also manages the South and Central Asia regional portfolio.

Prior to joining the Committee, Samia served as a Senior Professional Staff Member on the House Homeland Security Committee where she advised Committee members on terrorism threats to the Homeland and worked on issues relating to federal, state and local information sharing. Prior to this, Samia was a Detective at the New York City Police Department where she spent nine years working in the Department's Intelligence Bureau.

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Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director, Congressman Joseph Kennedy (MA-04)



Sarah Curtis has served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director for Congressman Joseph Kennedy (MA-04) since 2013. She is responsible for a portfolio including health care, telecommunications, tax, and appropriations issues.

Previously, Sarah worked at the U.S. Department of State in the Trafficking in Persons Office which leads the United States' global engagement on the fight against human trafficking. Additionally, she has worked at both the local and state levels of government and for members of the House of Representatives from Ohio and Kentucky.

A native of the State of Ohio, Sarah earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the Ohio State University and a master's degree in political management from George Washington University.

Daniel Meza

Chief of Staff, Congressman Joaquin Castro (D-TX)



Since 2016, Danny Meza has served as Chief of Staff to Congressman Joaquin Castro (D-TX). Danny manages the office's day to day operations including the Congressman's foreign affairs and national security portfolio in the House Foreign Affairs and Intelligence committees. In addition to committee work, Danny manages the Congressman's work as Co-Chair of the U.S.-Japan Caucus, the Congressional Caucus on ASEAN, United States-Spain Council and *the Diplomatic Cable*, a foreign policy focused podcast.

Prior to joining Congressman Castro's office, Danny served as an appointee with the Obama Administration from 2009-2013. During his time with the Obama Administration, Danny worked as a Senior Advisor in the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) at the U.S. Department of Commerce advancing U.S. national security, foreign policy and economic objectives furthering President Obama's Export Control Reform Initiative with the relevant congressional committees.

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Danny is a member of Next Generation Task Force for United States- Japan Conference on Cultural & Educational Exchange. In October 2015, Danny was named by Huffington Post as one the *40 under 40: Latinos in Foreign Policy*. Danny was born in San Antonio, Texas and a graduate the University of Texas at San Antonio and John Marshall Law School where he received his J.D. and LL.M in International Trade Law.

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Derek Mix is an Analyst in European Affairs at the Congressional Research Service (CRS), where he provides non-partisan, objective policy research and analysis to Congressional Committees and Member Offices of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. His areas of responsibility at CRS include the European Union, transatlantic relations, the United Kingdom, Spain, and Central and Eastern Europe.

Prior to joining CRS in 2009, he worked in the Europe Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, DC for six years. Mr. Mix has an MA from George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs and a BA from the University of Houston.

Danielle Moon

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Since 2017, Danielle Moon has worked for Congressman Joaquin Castro (D-TX) as a Legislative Aide and Scheduler. Danielle manages the Congressman's Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Animal Welfare legislative portfolio. In addition to her legislative work, Danielle works on the Congressman's Asia and Europe portfolio including the U.S.-Japan Caucus, Congressional Caucus on ASEAN, and the United States-Spain Council.

Danielle serves as Founder & President of the Clean Energy and Technology Staff Association, a bipartisan and bicameral congress-

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Prior to joining Congressman Castro's office, Danielle served as an appointee with the Obama Administration at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). During her time at DOE, Danielle worked as Special Advisor for Strategic Planning in the Office of Secretary and Office of Nuclear Energy, where she worked on PUNT (Peaceful Use of Nuclear Technology) Agreement with China.

Danielle was born in St. Paul, Minnesota and graduated from Syracuse University with Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Chinese Studies.

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Angel Nigaglioni currently serves as Legislative Director and Counsel to Congressman José E. Serrano, who is the Chairman of the House Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee, Vice-Chair of the Financial Services Subcommittee, and member of the Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee. He has worked for Congressman Serrano since 2013 and his legislative portfolio includes foreign affairs, defense, intelligence, science, space, energy, homeland security, commerce, trade, and financial services.

Mr. Nigaglioni earned a Bachelor's degree summa cum laude in International Affairs from The George Washington University where he was inducted to Phi Beta Kappa. He also earned a Juris Doctor from Indiana University Maurer School of Law, where he was President of the Latino Law Student Association and Managing Editor of the Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies.