

Laura Schiller

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Results-oriented, versatile, and mission-inspired leader who has served as a top advisor to some of our country's most prominent women in politics. Creative and strategic thinker who thrives in highly-challenging environments, from the White House to the restaurant industry. Proven manager who develops talent and builds teams with a long track record of delivering results. Expert in policy, communications, operations, and political strategy.

EXPERIENCE

**Biden Harris Transition Team (November, 2020-President)
Washington, DC**

**U.S. Senate Democratic Leadership/Senator Amy Klobuchar (2017-present)
Washington, DC**
Staff Director, U.S. Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee
Interim Chief of Staff, U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar

- After overseeing Senator Klobuchar's 50-person fast-paced Senate operation, was asked to lead the Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee, which is chaired by Senator Klobuchar. Organize weekly discussions between the Democratic caucus and our nation's top leaders on the most pressing issues before us; serve as a liaison to national stakeholders; and as a senior member of the Democratic leadership staff.

**Hillary for America (May-November, 2016)
Washington, DC**
Director of Congressional Affairs

- As a member of the senior staff, led the congressional operation during the general election for the presidential campaign and the Clinton-Kaine Transition Project.

**U.S Senator Barbara Boxer (2005-2016)
Washington, DC**
Chief of Staff (2006-2016)
Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor (2005-2006)

- Led 60-person office with six locations and a \$5 million budget for high-profile Senator who was a member of leadership and the top Democrat on the Environment and Public Works (EPW). Recruited and retained a top-notch team, helping them achieve victories on behalf of 38 million Californians. Managed all operations, including legislative, communications, and political, and served as top liaison to outside leaders in all sectors.
- Led Senator's work as chair and vice-chair of the bipartisan Ethics Committee, including overseeing an additional 20-person staff, undertaking large-scale investigations, and implementing a new ethics reform law.
- Served on small leadership team during the 2010 election that raised more than \$30 million and won a highly-contested campaign by 10 points in a difficult political year.

Consultant (2001-2005)
Washington, DC

- Ran a high-level communications and strategic consultancy serving a wide range of clients, including the Gates Foundation; the Center for Strategic and international Studies (CSIS); Public Broadcasting Service (PBS); DC Mayor Anthony Williams; Kaiser Family Foundation; and Vital Voices Global Partnership during its launch.

The White House (1997-2001)
Washington, DC

Special Assistant to the President and Senior Speechwriter to the First Lady

- As a member of her senior staff, worked directly with First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to draft her major domestic and foreign policy speeches. Traveled around the world, promoting U.S. foreign policy and spotlighting challenges facing people whose voices are too often not heard.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (1994-1997)
Washington, DC

Director of Speechwriting (*political appointee*)

- Started as a speechwriter and promoted to manage the five-person team responsible for all speeches, congressional testimony, and articles for the longest-serving HHS Secretary, Donna Shalala. Ran the department's Girl Power campaign to improve the lives of adolescent girls, forging partnerships with entities like the Girl Scouts and Nike.

United States Senator Barbara Boxer (1993-1994)
Washington, DC

Legislative Assistant and Speechwriter

- Served as a top legislative and communications advisor with accomplishments that included writing and steering to passage a landmark privacy law upheld unanimously by the U.S. Supreme Court. Created and led bipartisan coalition of the California congressional delegation. Served as the Senator's only speechwriter.

Boxer for U.S. Senate (1991-1992)
Los Angeles, CA

Field Director and Political Director

- Managed 14-person staff across California and led successful field, political, and fundraising efforts that helped make 1992 the "year of the woman" in politics.

UNUM Restaurant (2011-2017)
Washington, DC

Co-owner and co-creator

- While maintaining my day-job, teamed up with co-owner and husband, (b)(6) to launch and manage successful neighborhood restaurant that was featured in many news outlets, including the *Washington Post*, *National Public Radio*, and the *Washingtonian*.

EDUCATION

University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)

B.A., English (concentration in American studies) and Communications, 1991
Phi Beta Kappa; *magna cum laude*, highest college honors

