

Meg Little Reilly

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Professional writer with more than 20 years of communications experience at the highest levels of the federal government, academia, and news media. Thrice-published novelist whose acclaimed social and environmental thrillers have been translated into several languages and garnered international media attention. Essayist and public radio commentator focusing on civic engagement and democratic systems.

EDUCATION

M.A., George Washington University, School of Media and Public Affairs 2006

B.A., University of Vermont (major: Geography; minors: English, Sociology) 2001

PUBLICATIONS

Novels

[We Are Unprepared](#) (Mira/HarperCollins, 2016)

[Everything That Follows](#) (Mira/HarperCollins, 2018)

[The Misfortunes of Family](#) (Mira/HarperCollins, 2020)

Essays

[Lit Hub/Crime Reads, McSweeney's, Sojourners, and more...](#)

[Public Radio Commentary Series](#)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Vermont, Center for Research on Vermont

Director, Project 14

present

Crafting and directing [Project 14](#), CRVT's ambitious statewide civic infrastructure initiative. Project 14 is a collaboration among local leaders, community organizations, and UVM students and experts to strengthen local news, civic engagement, government transparency, and trust in every county of Vermont. (See [op-ed](#) in VT Digger.)

University of Vermont, Center for Research on Vermont

Editor at Community News Service

January 2021 – present

Serve as assignment editor/mentor/editor for student reporters as part of UVM's Reporting & Documentary Storytelling program. [Community News Service](#) partners with news organizations around Vermont to provide professional-level reporting to local newspapers.

Bennington College, Bennington, VT

Speechwriter, Managing Director of Bennington Magazine

August 2018 – June 2021

Wrote all speeches, publications, op-eds, and [Forbes.com commentary](#) on behalf of three Bennington College presidents. Wrote President Silver's two contributions to academic books on the future of higher education and pedagogy. Mentored student reporters for alumni magazine. Served as advisor for the College's state and federal policy interactions with elected officials.

White House Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C.

Deputy Associate Director of Communications and Strategy

May 2010 – June 2012

Crafted and executed communications strategy and served as spokesperson for President Obama’s fiscal policy, budget priorities, and regulatory actions. Highlights: Served as spokesperson for historic Affordable Care Act and environmental regulations; listed author for 2011 and 2012 U.S. Budgets; editor for annual State of the Union speeches.

U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, D.C.

Spokesperson

May 2009 – May 2010

Served as primary spokesperson and writer for President Obama’s economic stabilization efforts, bank bailouts, auto company restructurings, and housing relief programs. Highlights: Led public rollout of GM and Chrysler restructuring announcements; managed media relations for Secretary Geithner’s regular hearings before then-Chairwoman Elizabeth Warren’s Congressional Oversight Panel; managed public aspects of “Pay Czar” Kenneth Feinberg’s compensation initiative at top banks.

Freelance Speechwriter & Communications Consultant

July 2012 - present

Over the past ten years, I have provided freelance writing and consulting services to leaders of major non-profit organizations and private sector companies, occasionally partnering with other former White House and presidential campaign staffers. Clients have included: Alliance for American Manufacturing; The Henry Luce Foundation; Omada Health; Advisory Council on Child Trafficking; Washington City Paper, and higher education thought leaders.

The Glover Park Group, Washington, D.C.

Public Affairs Director

July 2008 – May 2009

Public Affairs Senior Associate

June 2007 – June 2008

Environmental Defense Fund, Washington, D.C.

Communications and Marketing Associate

September 2006 – June 2007

Vermont Public Radio, Colchester, VT

Associate Producer

2002 – 2004

Administrative Assistant

2001 – 2002

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Press Attaché to Michelle Obama at Democratic National Convention (2008)

Senate Democratic Communications Center, *Graduate Intern* (2005)

Public Diplomacy Center, *Graduate Research Staff* (2005)

Vermont Governor’s Commission on Women, *Undergraduate Intern* (2000)

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