

# Jasmine Dickerson

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## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Ms. Dickerson is a tested public policy professional who brings 13 years of experience in policy, advocacy, and grassroots engagement, honed throughout her years of crafting and executing winning legislative campaigns on Capitol Hill. Able to navigate both sides of the political aisle with ease, Ms. Dickerson has a sharp understanding of what it takes to succeed on the legislative stage. Her strengths lie in an extensive network and diverse portfolio of legislative expertise and strong relationships with congressional leadership.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE:** Ms. Dickerson is Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. She is responsible for developing and executing the legislative agenda for the subcommittee.

**REPRESENTATIVE LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER:** As Legislative Director and Acting Chief of Staff in the United States House of Representatives, Ms. Dickerson was responsible for all legislative initiatives for the office of Representative Lisa Blunt Rochester of Delaware.

**FEEDING AMERICA:** As Senior Legislative Representative for a network of over 200 food banks and 60,000 agencies within the United States. Ms. Dickerson helped Feeding America's network develop their congressional and executive branch outreach strategies.

**REPRESENTATIVE LYNN WOOLSEY:** As Legislative Assistant in the United States Congress, where she led Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey's agriculture and food portfolios and advised on legislative issues that included the Child Nutrition Reauthorization. In this position, she drafted legislation, amendments, and worked with public and private stakeholders regarding agriculture issues, all while managing the Member's priorities through the legislative process.

**REPRESENTATIVE ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS:** As Staff Assistant and Legislative Correspondent/Aide in the United States Congress, Ms. Dickerson led the Congressman's intern and mail program

**JIM CLYBURN FOR CONGRESS:** As Finance Assistant, for the House of Representatives Majority Whip, Representative Jim Clyburn, Ms. Dickerson supported the Political Director in raising funds and operating within the budget.

**CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDES RAT STAFF EXCHANGE PROGRAM:** Ms. Dickerson was selected to participate in a senior-level staff exchange program sponsored by several public and private institutions in the United States and Germany. Ms. Dickerson met with several Bundestag/Bundesrat Members, Bundestag and Bundesrat party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic, and media agencies while in Germany.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON NUTRITION, OVERSIGHT, AND DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS**

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

*Staff Director*

*Washington, DC*

*February 2019-Current*

- Lead advisor to the Chairman, Subcommittee Chair, Members, and personal office staff on policy related to nutrition, including department operations and oversight of the United States Department of Agriculture.
- Manage a team of four that is responsible for drafting language and making policy recommendations for programs that accounted for approximately \$848 billion in the 2018 Farm Bill, which represented 76.5 percent of total spending.
- Organize hearings to include interviewing and vetting potential witnesses, researching policy topics, and authoring the hearing memo for Members and staff on the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.
- Collaborate with stakeholders, advocates, and bipartisan, bicameral staff in Member, Committee, and Leadership offices to execute the agenda of the Subcommittee on Nutrition, and Oversight, and Department Operations.
- Brief Committee Members and staff for the purpose of policy development, agency oversight, and preparation for hearing and public facing events on a variety of topics including developments in agency operation, research, advocacy positions, legislative proposals, federal laws, regulations, and program policy.

### **THE HONORABLE LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER (DE)**

#### **UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

*Legislative Director*

*Washington, DC*

*May 2018 – February 2019*

- Supervised a staff of seven which consists of legislative, communications, and administrative positions, interviewed potential staff, and coordinated with the district staff on legislative priorities.
- Led strategic operations and oversaw the administration of offices policies and procedures.
- Developed, implemented, and led the legislative agenda for a first-term Member of Congress representing an at-large district.
- Collaborated with Agriculture Committee and Education and Labor Committee, House congressional leadership, as well as the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressional Progressive Caucus, and New Democrat Coalition staff to establish policy issues important to the state of Delaware.
- Managed voting recommendations, bills, amendments, and official congressional inquiries.
- Created and managed the Member's Future of Work Caucus.
- Reviewed and edit memos, newsletters, talking points, briefing materials, press releases, speeches.

**FEEDING AMERICA****Senior Legislative Representative  
Policy Analyst***Washington, DC  
March 2016-May 2018  
August 2012 –March 2016*

- Secured \$24 million for food in the disaster relief 2019 legislation for Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, California, and U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Successfully worked with federal and state officials to include \$6 million in disaster funding to purchase commodities during Hurricane Sandy (2013).
- Secured \$5 million for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and \$900,000 for the Commodity Supplemental Food Assistance Program (CSFP) through an apportionment process provided by the United States Office and Management and Budget and the United States Department of Agriculture, which resulted in state agencies providing additional commodities to food banks.
- Supervised and lobbied federal agriculture funding, which represented 20 percent of the commodities moving through Feeding America.
- Collaborated with the executive and legislative branches to introduce and support legislative and regulatory actions that increase food, funds, and resources for Feeding America members.
- Developed position statements, policies, and strategies to raise awareness and strengthen Feeding America's influence with key policy influencers.
- Represented Feeding America at coalition meetings, speaking engagements, including national and regional conferences relevant to portfolio.
- Worked in partnership with appropriate internal stakeholders enterprise-wide, particularly those involved in advocacy and communications, to ensure policy positions and initiatives are aligned with messaging and social media strategies.

**THE HONORABLE LYNN WOOLSEY (CA)  
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Legislative Assistant***Washington, DC  
June 2010 – August 2012*

- Developed legislative research and undertook analysis that successfully led to securing into law a provision which raises the nutrition standards of competitive foods and drinks sold alongside school meals in cafeterias, vending machines, and school stores.
- Authored into law a \$10 million organic pilot program that offers competitive grants for schools that connect with local or regional farmers to provide fresh organic foods to students in low-income and underrepresented school districts.
- Collaborated with agriculture commodity organizations to write an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2012 Agriculture Appropriations bill to allow the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service to continue their current work in developing current scientific-based nutritional standards for school meals.
- Established and maintained bipartisan cooperative relationship within the Department of Agriculture's interagencies, and commodity organizations to develop policies that broaden access to federal agriculture grant programs for small and mid-size farmers and ranchers.
- Independently wrote recommendations based on analysis to advise the Member of Congress on critical amendments and voting decisions, draft floor statements, develop talking points, meeting briefs, evaluate legislative proposals, and memorandums on critical voting decisions.
- Attended committee hearings, briefings, and constituent meetings.

**THE HONORABLE ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS (MD)  
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Legislative Correspondent/Aide  
Staff Assistant***Washington, DC  
March 2008 – June 2010  
January 2008 - March 2008*

- Wrote amendments, floor and opening statements, questions, talking points, and memorandums on agriculture, energy, environment, interior, space, and technology, and assisted senior staff on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee and the Joint Economic Committee.
- Managed constituent response database.
- Supervised Congressional Internship/Fellowship Program.
- Developed and implemented the office's first internship manual and means of evaluation.
- Worked in close partnership with local universities and national student organizations to design a comprehensive internship that qualified as a college credit course.
- Coordinated outreach to include: student career fairs with local colleges and universities to promote opportunities for internship position.

**JIM CLYBURN FOR CONGRESS (SC-6)  
Finance Assistant***Washington, DC  
July 2007 – January 2008*

- Compiled background on donors for senior democratic leader in Congress and his Political Director.
- Maintained communications with potential and current corporate and private donors.
- Created communications materials that informed potential and current donors of the candidate's portfolio and opportunities for engagement.
- Assisted in the development of strategies for new donors and drafted correspondence on behalf of the candidate.

**LEADERSHIP****CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT STAFF EXCHANGE PROGRAM***June 2011-July 2011*

- Traveled to Germany under the auspices of the United States Department of State and the Federal Republic of Germany for exchange program.
- Met with Bundestag Members, Bundestag senior party staff members, and representatives of the academic, political and business sectors.
- Planned and implemented agriculture topic discussions for the Bundestag/Bundesrat senior staff members in the United States.
- Proactively fostered and maintained working relationships with Bundestag/Bundesrat senior staff members and stakeholders in the German agriculture community.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

**NATIONAL COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM ASSOCIATION**

National Partner Representative

*October 2014-May 2018*

**EDUCATION**

**TRINITY COLLEGE**

Bachelor of Science, Economics with a minor in International Affairs

*Washington, DC*

*August 2001-December 2005*

**ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

MS OFFICE TOOLS, INTERNET QUORUM DATABASE

**REFERENCES**

AVAILABLE