

Luke Bonanno

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Summary

Foreign policy analyst and former press advisor at the U.S. State Department, holding a Master of International Affairs, Bachelor of Political Science and a demonstrated commitment to conservative values.

Experience

U.S. Embassy Berlin

Press and Media Advisor
10/2019 - 08/2021

- Received U.S. Embassy Berlin's *Eagle Award* for "outstanding support of U.S. Mission press engagements."
- Organized public affairs events involving the U.S. Ambassador, U.S. Secretary of State and other cabinet officials.
- Developed hundreds of talking points for senior USG officials and their public engagements.
- Maintained high-level contacts with media representatives, focusing on U.S. defense and security issues.

EU Representation to Germany

Internship for Head of Representation
02/2017 - 04/2017

- Drafted weekly policy briefings for the Head of Representation and the EU Commission President.
 - Prepared talking points for public speeches given by the Head of Representation.
 - Provided policy research for the Head of Representation and the political and trade departments.
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Higher Education

Master of International Affairs

Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany
2015 - 2018

- Wrote masters thesis on Russia-Ukraine conflict in 2018, supervised by Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger, former Chairman of the Munich Security Conference.
- Specialized in foreign policy, international security and transatlantic relations.

Bachelor of Political Science

University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
2011 - 2013

- Listed top of class in capstone foreign policy course.
 - Achieved *Deans List* for academic excellence in semester one.
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Certificates

Summer School, Oxford University

University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom
07/2013

- Received postgraduate certificate in international affairs from Oxford University's summer school.
- Achieved "very good" grading in oral and written work.

Certificate in Ministry

Bethel School of Ministry, Redding, California

09/2021 - 05/2023

- Completed 3-year certificate in Christian ministry and leadership training.
 - Received Bethel's *Mover and Shaker Award* and gift of \$2000 (recipients are recognized as likely to impact society).
 - Participated in 2-week missions trip to the Himalayas in Nepal, to serve the underground Christian church.
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Volunteer Engagement

- 6 months on Tenessa Audette's successful election campaign for Redding City Council, California (2022).
 - 1 year consulting for a conservative, political communication initiative (2022 - 2023).
 - 4 years on volunteer and staff teams for Hillsong Church, Berlin (2015-19).
 - 1 year teaching English in a high school in Germany (2014-15).
 - 6 years privately tutoring university and high-school students (2016-22).
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Skills

Policy Analysis,, Communication, Leadership, Foreign Policy, Government Policy, International Affairs, Bilingual

Awards

U.S. Mission Germany's "Eagle Award", Bethel School of Ministry "Mover and Shaker Award"

Nationality

Australian

Languages

English (native), German (advanced)