

# Sara Margalit Aviel

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## Professional Experience

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### **The White House, Office of Management and Budget**

*Chief of Staff & Senior Policy Advisor; Executive Associate Director*

Washington, DC  
2015-2017

- Served as chief operating officer with lead responsibility for strategic planning, budget, human resources, and other operations. Drove hiring push, resulting in a seventeen percent increase in staff over six months.
- Led international policy efforts including trade, refugees, international finance, and foreign assistance.
- Advised the director on key regulations, appropriations, budget issues and management initiatives.

### **The World Bank Group**

*Member of the Executive Board*

Washington, DC  
2012-2015

- Nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the Senate to represent the United States on the Board.
- Provided fiduciary and strategic oversight on investments and major management decisions and policies.
- Served on the Audit, Development Effectiveness, Governance, and Human Resources Committees.
- Strengthened focus on private sector development, particularly for marginalized groups and frontier regions.
- Drove efforts to promote accountability, enhance monitoring and evaluation, secure robust procurement standards, achieve \$400 million in cost savings, and increase IBRD lending capacity from \$15 to \$25 Billion.
- Advanced US policy priorities including strengthening efforts on social inclusion, fragility, and climate change, forging a partnership on Power Africa, and preserving the Doing Business report.
- Conducted outreach with key stakeholders including the private sector, civil society, Congress, and press.

### **The White House, National Economic Council & National Security Council**

*Director for International Economic Affairs*

Washington, DC  
2011-2012

- Led economic policy on countries in transition including Afghanistan, Burma and South Sudan.

### **Department of Treasury**

*Senior Advisor to Secretary Geithner*

Washington, DC  
2009-2011

- Worked directly with the Secretary to facilitate departmental decision-making and interagency coordination on major initiatives—such as G-20, World Bank, & IMF meetings, financial reform, and development policy—by engaging relevant stakeholders, elevating issues, synthesizing recommendations, and working with senior staff on next steps.
- Oversaw drafting of the Secretary's public statements, congressional correspondence, and memos to the President.
- Set up the President's transition office in 2008 and served as part of the core economic policy team that formulated the response to the global financial crisis.

### **Root Capital**

*Director of Marketing and Communications*

Cambridge, MA  
2007-2008

- Served on the leadership team and led strategies to promote Root Capital, sustainable trade, and financial inclusion.

### **Mercy Corps**

*Strategic Innovations Advisor*

Pristina, Kosovo and Cambridge, MA

2005, 2006-2007

- Directed strategy to promote innovation and private sector development and evaluated development programs.

### **Yale College**

*Lecturer*

New Haven, CT  
Spring 2006

- Designed and taught original course on humanitarian aid and international development.

### **CARE**

*Associate*

Atlanta, GA and Kabul, Afghanistan

2003-2004

- Led research and policy outreach in Afghanistan and evaluated microfinance and other projects throughout Africa.

## Education

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### **Yale University**

*Master of Business Administration.*

New Haven, CT

*Master and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.*

2006

2002

## Additional Information

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- Proficient in Spanish (Six years of study and long-term stays in Costa Rica, Spain, and Peru).
- Extensive travel in seventy countries throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East.
- Member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Aspen Institute's Inaugural Finance Leaders Fellowship.