



Bonnie Jenkins

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Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins was nominated by President Barack Obama in April 2009 as the Department of State's Coordinator for Threat Reduction Programmes in the Bureau of International Security and Non-proliferation. Ambassador Jenkins promotes the coordination of Department of State Cooperative Threat Reduction and US government programmes in chemical, biological, nuclear and radiological security. She is the State Department's lead on the Nuclear Security Summit, and coordinates their activities related to the efforts to secure all vulnerable nuclear material. Ambassador Jenkins is engaged in the Global Health Security Agenda, a multisectoral initiative dedicated to reducing global infectious disease threats. She works closely on this initiative with domestic and international partners in the security (with a focus on biosecurity), animal and human health, development, and law enforcement sectors and leads US government outreach to domestic and international nongovernmental organizations. Ambassador Jenkins also works closely with the Department of Homeland Security and the US chemical Industry in strengthening global security and safety of chemical weapons precursors. Ambassador Jenkins is Chair of the IAEA Nuclear Security Training and Support Center Network, is on the Scientific Committee of the Annual International Symposium on Biosecurity and Biosafety, and is on the Steering Committee of the Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity. Ambassador Jenkins is also the Department of State's Leadership Liaison for the Veterans at State affinity group, and is a member of the Department's Diversity Governance Council.

Ambassador Jenkins has been an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law School. She was a fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. During her years at the Belfer Center, she worked at Harvard Law School in the Bernard Koteen Office of Public Interest Advising as an advisor to law students on legal jobs in the public sector. Ambassador Jenkins has a Ph.D. in International Relations from the University of Virginia an LL.M. in International and Comparative Law from the Georgetown University Law Center an M.P.A. from the State University of New York at Albany a J.D. from Albany Law School and a B.A. from Amherst College. She attended The Hague Academy for International Law.
