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Navajo Nation Washington Office Announces New Associate Tom Gordon

Gordon to Handle Health and Social Services Portfolios



Washington, D.C.—The Navajo Nation Washington Office (NNWO) Executive Director Clara Pratte today announced Tom Gordon has joined the NNWO team as the new Government & Legislative Affairs Associate and will handle health and social services portfolios.

"We're delighted to welcome Tom to the team and we look forward to utilizing his unique skills in the service of the Navajo people," said NNWO Executive Director Pratte.

Mr. Gordon recently returned from Baghdad where he served as a senior consultant to the Iraqi Council of Representatives and tribal liaison under a U.S. Department of State contract. He was also assigned to Afghanistan during that country's elections.

Before leaving for overseas, Mr. Gordon was director of development at Diné College, the higher education institution of the Navajo Nation. He served as an elected member of the Arizona House of Representatives. Prior to that post, Mr. Gordon was a legislative assistant in the U.S. Senate with responsibility for Indian Affairs and Commerce. He also held an appointment as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State. Mr. Gordon has obtained an MPA from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and has a bachelor's degree in International Relations from Brigham Young University.

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