



## **Katie Bo Williams Joins *Defense One* as Senior Correspondent**

*Williams to lead Defense One's Pentagon and global security coverage*

**Washington, D.C. (July 3, 2018)** — Katie Bo Williams, one of Washington's top rising national security journalists, is joining Atlantic Media's [Defense One](#) as Senior Correspondent, effective July 30, announced *Defense One* Executive Editor Kevin Baron.

"I'm very excited to have Katie Bo on board and quickly set her loose inside the Pentagon and across the security beats," said Baron. "For a while now, I've been impressed by her reporting, energy, sourcing, and grasp of the top news stories we are all grappling with these days. She's a welcome addition to our growing editorial team as we continue to cover the future of the military, the Trump administration's priorities, and America's ever-changing role in 21st century global security."

Williams will lead *Defense One*'s daily global security news coverage with a big-picture eye toward national security, military, foreign policy, politics, and intelligence topics. Working with the editorial and events teams she will cover America's wars and conflicts, global power shifts, and senior leadership on issues involving counterterrorism, NATO, Europe, Russia, Asia, North Korea, Iran, nuclear arms, and more. She will be based in *Defense One*'s Washington, D.C. headquarters and will report to Baron.

"I'm incredibly excited to join the smart, well-respected team at *Defense One*. I have always thought highly of their forward-leaning, cerebral coverage of complex security issues and I look forward to jumping in with both feet," said Williams.

Williams joins *Defense One* from *The Hill*, where she has worked as a national security reporter since August 2015. During her career at *The Hill*, Williams reported extensively on the Russia investigation and broke news across several beats including intelligence, cybersecurity, counterterrorism, the Department of Justice, and the ISIS war in Syria.

Williams is a graduate of the University of Virginia and has been published in *The Atlantic*, *Discover Magazine*, *Nautilus*, *Industry Dive*, and *McSweeney's*. Prior to moving to Washington, Williams spent five years working in the thoroughbred horse racing business, helping breed, sell, and prepare horses targeting top races like the Kentucky Derby. She began her career in journalism as a turf writer, covering the triumph and the drama of America's oldest sport for the legendary racing daily, *The Saratoga Special*.

Entering its fifth year this month, *Defense One* continues to grow its global audience and influence, with breaking news, bold commentary, and must-attend newsmaker events including the annual Defense One Summit and Defense One Tech Summit, the Global Business Briefing interview series with industry CEOs, and Cocktails & Conversations with military service leaders. Online, average monthly unique visitors to the brand's website are up 23 percent year-to-year.

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*Defense One* is a digital and events media brand informing the U.S. defense and national security leadership community by delivering news, breaking analysis, and ideas on the topics and trends defining the future of defense and national security. Produced by [Government Executive Media Group](#) of [Atlantic Media](#), *Defense One* offers new voices and innovative, fearless commentary while providing national security leaders, influential professionals, stakeholders, and interested citizens across the defense spectrum with the information that they need to know.

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