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Dates de naissance / décès :

Lieu de naissance :

Elliott city, Md.

Genre : Fem.

Lieu de résidence (si DC avant l'accession à un poste retenu, avec si possible l'année de l'emménagement à DC):

Formation :

BA/BS	BA, political science and international relations, West Chester, 1996	
MA/MS	Master, National Security studies at Georgetown Uni.	
PhD		
Law degree (JD...)		
Autre		

Profession initiale :

Carrière :

Defense secretary's office, presidential management fellow

2002 : Senate Appropriations Committee, subcomm defense. (first as presidential management fellow en 2002, puis à partir de 2003 prof staff member)

2011 : majority clerk, professional staff membersenate appro subcom on defense (remplace Charles Houy qui après avoir dirigé le subcom def pendant 15 ans, est appelé pour prendre le post de staff director du full committee)

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Five aides to know

Roll call, 27 jan. 2012

Betsy Schmid

Majority clerk, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense

The defense budget is on course to decline in the next several years, and politically difficult choices will have to be made. Every military base and weapon has Congressional allies, and each niche camp will work to make its voice heard. At the quiet center of the Senate's version of this policy hurricane is Sen. [Daniel Inouye](#) (D-Hawaii), who chairs the Appropriations Committee and its Subcommittee on Defense. And Schmid is Inouye's principal guide for navigating the best way through.

Once a gymnast at Pennsylvania's West Chester University, Schmid will be called on to be extraordinarily flexible and nimble as she works to balance the myriad demands on the military budget — from the armed services, the Pentagon brass, weapons makers, other defense lobbyists, think tanks and lawmakers of both parties.

Last year, her first on the job, Schmid won plaudits for paring defense spending \$23.5 billion below President Barack Obama's request by trimming 775 programs. Saving that much money without eliminating an aircraft carrier, a brigade or a mission for the National Guard is no small feat.

Schmid assumed her post when Charles Houy, who had run the subcommittee staff for 15 years, was promoted to staff director for the full committee. But she has been at Appropriations since 2002 and has worked on nearly every account in the defense budget, from weapons investments to maintenance spending to personnel.

Schmid grew up in Ellicott City, Md., and graduated from West Chester in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in political science and international relations. She then got her master's in national security studies at Georgetown University.

Schmid joined the Appropriations staff as a presidential management fellow after working in that same capacity in the Defense secretary's office. She's also done stints at the U.S. Commission on National Security and the Nixon Center foreign policy think tank.

— *John M. Donnelly*

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