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## **SECRETARY MERRILL APPOINTS NEW COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR**

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Denise W. Merrill announced the appointment of Patrick Gallahue to the role of Communications Director.

Gallahue previously served as the Director of Communications for the American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut. His past experience includes communications and advocacy positions with Open Society Foundations in New York and Harm Reduction International in London.

From 2003 to 2008, Gallahue was a staff reporter for The New York Post, where he wrote about crime, development, politics and transit. In 2008, he shared honors on a first place award from the Deadline Club.

Secretary Merrill said, "Patrick brings a wealth of experience in media and public relations. We look forward to a continued record of success in amplifying our work to promote democratic participation, support business development and increase transparency."

He holds a B.A. from Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus, and an LL.M. in International Human Rights Law from the National University of Ireland, Galway.

He lives in Hartford, just a few blocks from the Capitol building, with his wife and two-year-old son.

Gallahue said, "It's an honor to join a team that is so dedicated to voting rights, government transparency and access to services."

