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Jennifer Kilgus served previously as vice president of GMMB, Inc., where she provided strategic communications support to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Pacific Northwest initiative focusing on efforts to end family homelessness. Before joining GMMB, she served as policy advisor to U.S. Rep. Luis Fortuño (R-Puerto Rico), where she worked on No Child Left Behind reauthorization efforts to help turn around Puerto Rico's failing public school system.

She also served in the legislative affairs divisions of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. At the State Department she was a legislative liaison to Capitol Hill for African affairs and worked as a translator for Congressional delegations traveling to Europe. At HUD, she served as a principal liaison between department officials and the U.S. Senate Committees on Appropriations and Banking.

She received the Department's Meritorious Honor Award in May 2005 for outstanding service as a cross-cultural liaison for the June and December 2004 CODELS. In addition, she received the Department's Franklin Award in May 2004 for outstanding service as liaison to both the Bureaus of African and Near East Affairs.

Jennifer graduated with a BA in International Relations from Mount Holyoke College and a MA in International Communication from American University, School of International Service. She also attended La Sorbonne in Paris, France.