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Julia Gourley has served as the United States Senior Arctic Official (SAO) since 2005. As the SAO, she is the primary U.S. representative to the Arctic Council, the leading intergovernmental forum for addressing matters related to the Arctic. In this role, Ms. Gourley manages the State Department's Arctic Council portfolio, handling a wide range of environmental, economic, and political issues related to U.S. foreign policy interests in the Arctic Region.

Prior to becoming the SAO, Ms. Gourley served in the State Department's Office of Environmental Policy where she worked on multilateral environmental agreements under the United Nations Environment Program. She has also worked at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Originally from Ohio, Ms. Gourley holds a Bachelor of Science in Geography with a concentration in urban and regional planning from Ohio University.