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Laurent-Mantey began her career at the U.S. Department of State in 2008. She has served as a member of the Secretary of State's policy planning staff, she held the position of Acting Deputy Director and Desk Officer in the Bureau of African Affairs, Special Assistant to Secretaries of State Hillary Clinton and John Kerry; and Staff Assistant and intern in the Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science; the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; and the Bureau of African Affairs.

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