



BIOGRAPHY



MRS. DEVIN C. GONGORA

Mrs. Devin C. Gongora serves as the Operational Community Innovation Ecosystem Networking and Partnerships Program Manager for the Department of the Air Force at the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), AFWERX Spark Division, Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Reporting to Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, she leads efforts in technology maneuver, transition, and strategic collaboration, aligning grassroots innovation initiatives with the Department of the Air Force (DAF) and national defense priorities.

Gongora began her Civil Service career in 2011 as a distinguished graduate of the Student Career Experience Program. With more than 25 years of combined public service, she is a recognized leader in defense acquisition, innovation strategy, and dual-use technology integration. She leads enterprise-level initiatives to accelerate capability delivery, including the DAF Combat Innovation, Technology Maneuver Task Force, the \$34M Squadron Innovation Fund Marketplace, and Spark Street. In her role as Spark Street Manager, she highlights frontline-driven innovation projects developed by Airmen and Guardians, connecting warfighters with relevant innovation partners to showcase and transition cutting-edge technologies from prototype to field deployment, accelerating mission-critical capability.

Gongora's efforts have delivered measurable mission impact across the DAF including a 73% increase in enterprise planning efficiency, a 98% reduction in maintenance downtime, and more than \$87.5M in streamlined execution across logistics portfolios. These outcomes reflect her commitment to aligning innovation initiatives with U.S. Code Title 10 cooperative agreements and advancing national technology maneuver objectives.

Appointed Innovation Ambassador for the Northern Utah defense ecosystem, her regional collaboration with Acceler8 Wasatch has bridged academia, industry, and government strengthening field-to-lab partnerships. Her strategic leadership has helped secure over \$1B in mission-critical workload transitions; shaped policy through public-private partnerships, Cooperative Research and Development Agreements and Education Partnership Agreements.

Prior to her current position, Gongora previously served as Ecosystem Strategic Lead under AFMC, Section Chief for Operations at the 309th Software Engineering Group, and Partnership Analyst for the Ogden Air Logistics Complex. She also led the inaugural Small Business Technology Transfer Fellowship Program, authoring "Bridge the Gap" guidelines that improved government-industry communication by 88%; Fostering relationships and partnerships.

Beyond her government service, Gongora is an adjunct professor at Weber State University, a national innovation speaker, and a mentor to future defense leaders. She actively supports community development through National Academy Sports Medicine Coaching, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Silicon Slopes, and local entrepreneurship.

EDUCATION

2011 Bachelor of Science, Human Performance Management, Weber State University, Ogden, Utah
2015 Specialization Certification, Software Design and Configuration Maturity Management, Hill AFB Utah
2018 Master of Military Operational Art & Science, Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)
2018 Professional Program Manager, Hill AFB, Utah
2019 Technology for the 21st Century, Duke University, SC
2020 Skill Credential, Marketing Strategy & Brand Management, Cornell University (Correspondence)
2021 Lean Continuous Process Improvement Green Belt Facilitator, Hill AFB, Utah
2023 Completed Accelerated Innovation Certification, Innovatrium, Project Mercury, Arlington, VA
2024 Program Specialization, Mastering Design Thinking, Business School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Correspondence)
2025 Program Management Practitioner, Defense Acquisition University (Virtual)
2025 Certified Structured Professional Facilitator, MGRush (Correspondence)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 2011 - November 2012, Fitness Specialist, 75 Force Support Services, Hill AFB, Utah
2. November 2012 - April 2013, Configuration Management Specialist, AFSC Software Directorate, Hill AFB, Utah
3. April 2013 - September 2014, Program Management Specialist, AFSC Software Directorate, Hill AFB, Utah
4. September 2014 - May 2017, Lead Operational Flight Program Manager, Software Directorate, Hill AFB, Utah
5. May 2017 - August 2018, Senior Acquisition Manager, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill AFB, Utah
6. August 2018 - April 2021, Business Development Lead, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill AFB, Utah
7. April 2021 - April 2022, Ecosystem Strategic Lead, Air Force Material Command, Hill AFB, Utah
8. October 2022 - May 2023, Small Business Technology Transfer Fellowship Lead, Hill AFB, Utah
9. April 2022 - August 2023, Depot Source of Repair and Activations, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill AFB, Utah
10. August 2023 - October 2023, Operations Section Chief, Air Force Sustainment Center Software Directorate, Hill AFB, Utah
11. October 2023 - present, Operational Community Innovation Ecosystem Networking and Partnerships Manager, Air Force Research Laboratory. AFWERX, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

AWARDS & HONORS

Tech Transition Technology Maneuver Task Force, 2025
Innovation and Leadership Excellence, Acceler8 Wasatch, 2024
Ogden City Economic Development Recognition, 2023
Coin of Excellence, Hon. Christopher Lowman, ASD for Sustainment, 2022
Notable Achievement Awards, 2020 & 2022

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

GS-05, 11 April 2011
GS-07, 8 September 2013
GS-09, 8 July 2015
GS-11, 19 July 2016
GS-12, 8 July 2017
NH-03, 30 March 2020
GS-13, 22 October 2023
DO-II, 24 June 2024

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