



Office of
Government
Relations

**Catalyzing Advocacy in Science and Engineering
Workshop Agenda
March 18-21, 2018 / Washington, D.C.**

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Sunday, March 18, 2018

Kimpton Palomar Hotel DC
2121 P Street NW
Washington, DC 20037
Metro Station: Dupont Circle (Red line)

5:00 pm **Registration Opens**
Phillips Ballroom (First Floor)

5:30 pm **Welcome**
Joanne Padrón Carney, Director, Office of Government Relations, AAAS

From CASE Student to Science Policy Fellow

Jesús Alvelo, 2017-2018 AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow at the National Science Foundation, 2014 CASE participant

Introduction to U.S. Science and Technology Policy

Toby Smith, VP for Policy, Association of American Universities

This session will introduce you to the history of S&T Policy, the different cultures of science and policy, and ways that advocates build bridges between the two worlds.

6:45 pm **Networking Reception (ends at 8:00 pm)**
National Ballroom (Second Floor)

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Monday, March 19, 2018

AAAS Headquarters
1200 New York Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20005
Metro Station: Metro Center (Red/Blue/Orange/Silver lines)
2nd Floor Auditorium

8:30 am ***Continental Breakfast***

9:00 am ***Welcome and Overview of Workshop Goals***

9:30 am ***Introduction to Federal Budget Process***

Matthew Hourihan, Program Director, AAAS R&D Budget and Policy Program

The U.S. research enterprise, scientific discovery and American innovation have been grounded on the critical foundation of federal investments. This session will introduce you to the complex federal budget process and the competing priorities and fiscal challenges that make it difficult to fund the government.

11:30 am ***Meet with AAAS CEO***

Rush Holt, Chief Executive Officer of AAAS, former U.S. Representative for New Jersey's 12th district (1999-2015)

12:00 pm ***Lunch***

1:00 pm ***Introduction to OSTP: Role and Impact to S&T Policy***

Lloyd Whitman, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

2:00 pm ***Congress: Its Structure and Processes***

Judy Schneider, Specialist on the Congress, Government and Finance Division
Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress

Civics class and *Schoolhouse Rock* cannot prepare you for the reality of policymaking. This candid session will give you a lasting impression of how Congress **really** works!

3:30 pm ***Break***

3:45 pm ***How Science Policy is Made: Current and Future Outlook for Science Policy***

David Goldston, MIT Washington Office
Daniel Sarewitz, Arizona State University

The world of science policy shifts as political players change, bringing new challenges and opportunities. At the same time, the scientific enterprise itself may introduce its own challenges that could impact policy and politics. We'll hear from S&T policy experts on the current and future outlook for science policy.

5:00 pm ***End of Session***

6:00 pm ***Dinner***

Carmine's Italian Restaurant
425 7th Street, Washington, D.C. 20004
Metro Station: Gallery Place/Chinatown (Red/Yellow/Green lines)



Tuesday, March 20, 2018

AAAS Headquarters
1200 New York Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20005
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2nd Floor Auditorium

8:30 am ***Welcome Remarks***
Representative Bill Foster, U.S. House of Representatives (D-IL)

9:00 am ***Continental Breakfast***

9:30 am ***Federal Agency Perspectives***
Julia Jester, U.S. Geological Survey
Lyric Jorgenson, National Institutes of Health
Karen Pearce, National Science Foundation

What is it like to work in a federal research agency? In the second of our sessions focused on the executive branch, hear from science policy professionals about the jobs they do, the issues they cover, and how their work fits into the broader S&T policy landscape.

10:30 am ***Break***

11:00 am ***How Congressional Offices and Committees Operate***
Alicia Brown, Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee Minority Staff
Sam Love, Office of Senator Cory Gardener (R-CO)
Ariel Marshall, Office of Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)
Andrew Mooney, Office of Rep. Randy Hultgren (R-IL)
Samantha Warren, Office of Rep. Bill Foster (D-IL)
Jennifer Wickre, House Science, Space and Technology Committee Majority Staff

A panel discussion on the various roles that congressional staff play and the difference between those who work in House versus Senate; and the differences between personal offices and committee offices.

12:00 pm ***Lunch***

1:30 pm ***Communicating Science***
Emily Cloyd, AAAS Project Director for Public Engagement

This session will focus on effective science communication and understanding your audience.

2:30 pm ***How to Have a Successful Hill Visit***
Sean Gallagher, AAAS Senior Government Relations Officer

This session will focus on how to have a successful Hill visit, including what to say in your congressional visits.



4:00 pm

Breakout Sessions

This is the time to break into groups to plan and practice for your Hill visits.

5:00 pm

Wrap up and Strategy Session
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Final thoughts about how to use what you've learned once you get back to campus.

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Capitol Hill: various Congressional Office Buildings
Metro Station: Capitol South (Blue/Orange/Silver lines)

All Day

Congressional Visits

Congressional office visits are optional, and should be organized by your sponsoring institution.

4:00 pm

Post Mortem Meet-Up at Tortilla Coast

All students are invited to meet for drinks at a popular Capitol Hill watering hole to discuss how your Hill visits went. AAAS staff will be available starting at 4:00 pm.

Location: Corner of 1st & D Streets SE at the Capitol South Metro Station (Orange/Blue/Silver lines).