



Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment
Rising Environmental Leaders Program
DC Boot Camp – Agenda
March 26-30, 2023

Sunday, March 26 – Program Kickoff Dinner

- 6:00 **Happy Half Hour**
6:30 **Dinner and Program Overview**
8:30 **Adjourn**

Monday, March 27– Day 1 – The Federal Agencies and Administration

- 9:00 **Welcome to DC**
Billy Pizer, Vice President, Research & Policy Engagement, Resources for the Future
- 9:30 **Intersection of Research and Decision-making- Think Tank perspectives**
Kevin Rennert, Fellow, Resources for the Future
Kristin Hayes, Senior Director, Research & Policy Engagement, *Resources for the Future*
- 10:30 **Science and the Federal Agencies- jobs, collaborations, grants, responding to requests for public comment**
Geoffrey Plumlee, Chief Scientist, U.S. Geological Survey
Priyanka Hooghan, Chief of Staff, Assistant Secretary for Fossil Fuels and Carbon Management, U.S. Department of Energy
Claudia Nierenberg, Chief, Climate and Societal Interactions Division at, NOAA
- Noon **Lunch at RCC**
- 1:00 **Policy-making from inside the Administration – Executive Orders, Directives, and Guidance**
Rachel Reolfi, Energy Policy Assistant, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
Bianca Majumder, the Confidential Assistant for Climate, Energy, Environment, and Science at the White House Office of Management and Budget
- 3:30 **Deep Dive of Environmental Protection Agency**
Vicki Arroyo, Director, Policy Office, EPA
- 5:10 **Adjourn**

Tuesday, March 28 - Day 2 – A Focus on Congress

- 9:00 **Inner Workings of a Congressional Office**
Andrew Perlstein, Legislative Assistant, Senator Cardin (D-MD)
- 10:30 **Work of Committees**
Melanie Thornton, Professional Staff Member, Senate ENR
- 11:30 **Lunch break and photo**
Joined by 2022 RELP Fellow Nathan Dadap
- 2:00 **House Office meeting**
Will King, Director of Policy and Coalitions, Office of Representative Mace (R-SC)
- 3:00 **Meeting with Congressional Resource Services staff at Congressional Research Service**
Pervaze Sheikh, Analyst in Natural Resources Policy
- 4:10 **Adjourn**

Wednesday, March 29 – Day 3 –Role of Advocacy/Individual Appointments

- 8:00 **Breakfast with *Negin Sobhani***, Director, Science and Technology for Resilience, Policy and Global Affairs Division, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
- 10:00 **Developing the National Climate Assessment – coordinating across Federal agencies and with Academia – Briefing from USGCRP**
Allison Crimmins, Director for the National Climate Assessment

-No further official meetings – time for scheduling individual appointments-

- Noon-2:00 ***Press Club Briefing – Optional for RELPers***

Thursday, March 30 – Day 4 – NGOs – American Geophysical Union

- 9:00 ***Tour of AGU Building***
- 9:30 **Advocating for Science and the Environment**
Lexi Shultz, Vice President of Public Affairs, American Geophysical Union
Emily Wirzba, Manager, Government Relations, *EDF*
Davis Bates, Congressional Champions Project Director, League of Conservation Voters
Sean Gallagher, Senior Government Relations, AAAS

- 11:00 **The role of NGOs in Producing Science**
Jenny Brennan, Science and Policy Analyst, Southern Environmental Law Center
Jimmy Hague, Senior Water Policy Advisor, The Nature Conservancy
Laura Malaguzzi Valeri, Deputy to VP of Research, *World Resources Institute*
- 1:30 **Research at a Think Tank**
Samantha Gross, Fellow, *The Brookings Institution*
Noreen Clancy, Social Scientist, RAND
Caroline Normile, Senior Policy Analyst, *Bi-partisan Policy Center*
- 3:15 **Working Internationally**
Abbie Jones, Division Chief, Center for Water Security, Sanitation and Hygiene, *USAID*
Lauren Herzer Risi, Director of Environmental Security, Wilson Center
Rebecca Miller, U.S. Department of State
- 6:00 **Commencement Dinner**