



Rising Environmental Leaders Program

2014 DC Boot Camp Agenda
March 23 - 28, 2014

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, all sessions are at Stanford in Washington (SIW) Distance Learning Center (DLC), 2661 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20008

Sunday, March 23, 2014 – Arrival and Set Up for the Week

Arrive and check in: Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, D.C. 20008

6:00 **Social Hour - Coolidge Room in Hotel and for Dinner**

7:00 **Welcome Dinner (Informal)**
Set Up for Week, Review of Final Agenda and Q & A
Sherrie Taguchi, Director of Programs
Jessica Castillo, Events Manager
Lea Rosenbohm, D.C. External Affairs Advisor

Monday, March 24, 2014 – Day No. 1 – Overview and Connecting Your Research to Policy and People

8:45am *Meet in Hotel Lobby*

9:00 – 10:00 Breakfast and Welcome – *SIW Dining Room*

10:00 – 11:30 **Intro to Congress: Overview of the Process**
Moderator: **David Welna**, NPR's Congressional Correspondent

Anna Aurilo, Director, Environment America
Lara Levison, Program Director/Domestic Policy Director, U.S. Climate Action Network and former Environmental Policy Adviser to Speaker Pelosi

12:00 – 2:00 **Working Lunch With Practice of 2-Minute Pitch in Small Groups – SIW Dining Room**

2:15 – 3:30 **Getting Around Washington, D.C.: Insights and Perspective**
Charles Cushman, Government Affairs Institute, Georgetown University

3:30 – 5:00 **Lobbying 101: The Art of Advocacy**
Kai Anderson, Chief Strategy Officer and Co-Chairman, Cassidy and Associates

Dinner on Own

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 – Day No. 2 – A Focus on the Federal Government

Before 8:45 Breakfast Buffet – *Hotel, Stone’s Throw Restaurant (6:00 - 11:30 am)*

9:00 Meet in Hotel Lobby and take Metro to Capitol

10:00 – 11:00 **Inner Workings of a Congressional Office and Q & A**

Location: *241 Cannon House Office Building*

Erin Katzelnick-Wise, Legislative Director

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, California’s 18th District

11:30 – 2:30 **Meeting With Senator Feinstein and Senior Environmental Staff**

Location: *Hart Senate Office Building, Room 331*

Felix Yeung, Senator Dianne Feinstein Legislative Assistant

RELP Group Photo in Front of Capitol with Nathan Mitchell, Photographer

Lunch as group

Location: *Union Station, 701 First Street, NE*

Note: Allow extra time for security clearance process. Panel is 1.5 hours.

3:45 – 5:00 **Working With Government Agencies**

Location: *Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios North Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3530*

Moderator: **Dave Wegner**, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Alex Barron, Environmental Protection Agency

Sarah Jensen, U. S. Department of Energy and “Green the Capitol”

Michael Uhart, NOAA’s OAR Director, Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes

6:30 – 8:30 **Being an Academic in a Policy World**

Dinner and Speaker – *SIW Dining Room*

Buzz Thompson, Perry L. McCarty Director, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment;
Robert E. Paradise Professor in Natural Resources Law

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 – Day No. 3 – Building Effective Partnerships

Location: *SIW All Day*

8:30 Breakfast - *SIW Dining Room*

9:30 – 10:45 **Think Tanks: Turning Science Into Policymaking**

Moderator – **Peter Nelson**, Director of Communications, Resources for the Future

Josh Trapani, formerly Bipartisan Policy Center and currently Association of American Universities

William (Bill) Brown, Chief Environmental Officer for Bureau of Ocean Management in the Department of the Interior

Carol Werner, Executive Director, Environmental and Energy Study Institute

- 11:00 – 12:15 **Successful Collaborations With NGOs**
 Moderator – **Ben Ratner**, Manager and Bill Bowes Fellow, Corporate Partnerships Program, Environmental Defense Fund
- Rob McDonald**, Senior Scientist for Urban Sustainability, The Nature Conservancy
Andrew A. Rosenberg, Director, Center for Science and Democracy, Union of Concerned Scientists
- 12:30 – 2:00 Lunch – *SIW Dining Room*
- 2:00 – 3:30 **Managing Interdependence: The World of Water**
William Rex, The World Bank - Sector Manager/Lead Water Resources Specialist/Water Anchor, Sustainable Development Network
- 3:30 – 3:45 Break
- 3:45 – 5:30 **Alumni Career Insights – Diverse Paths and Perspectives and Informal Discussion**
 Moderator: **Kai Anderson**, Chief Strategy Officer and Co-Chairman, Cassidy and Associates
- Bathsheba Crocker**, Office of Policy and Planning, U.S. State Department
Noel Bakhtian, AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow, Wind and Water Power Program, U.S. Department of Energy
Kristen Honey, AAAS Science and Technology Fellow
Ken Alston, Special Assistant for Finance, U.S. Department of Energy
- 5:30 – 7:30 **Reception to Honor Cohort 2014 and Speakers – Rockefeller Room**

Thursday, March 27, 2014 – Day No. 4 – Federal Appropriations, Fellowships and Careers

- 8:00 – 12:00 Breakfast Buffet – *Hotel, Stone's Throw Restaurant (6:00 - 11:30 am)*
 Followed by Time for Hill or Private Meetings on Capitol Hill (Refer to Tips/Fact Sheet)
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch – *SIW Dining Room*
- 1:00 – 2:15 **Understanding the Federal Appropriations Process**
Kei Koizumi, Office of Science and Technology
- 2:30 – 4:15 **Fellowships and Careers at the Intersection of Science/Policy**
Cynthia Robinson, Director, AAAS
- 4:15 – 5:30 **Exploring the World of Science Policy: AAAS Fellows Share Their Views**
 Moderator: **Justin Lawrence**, Executive Branch Fellow, National Science Foundation
- Knatokie Ford**, AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
Anne Marie Lewis, PhD, IEEE Congressional Fellow, Office of the Senator Heidi Heitkamp
Kristin Ludwig, PhD, 2011-12 Executive Branch Fellow, NSF, 2012-12 Executive Branch Fellow, USGS, Staff Scientist at USGS
- Dinner on Own

Friday, March 28, 2014 - Day #5 – Looking Ahead and Connecting the Dots

- 8:30 – 9:45 **Breakfast with Speaker**
Elizabeth Marincola, CEO, Public Library of Science, Open Access Scholarly Publishing
- 9:45 – 11:00 **Conservation Funding and Working with Congress...Using the Best Science and Economics to Support our Environment**
Alan Rowsome, Director of Conservation Funding, The Wilderness Society
- 11:15 – 12:15 **Certificates, Debrief, Evaluations**
Debbie Drake Dunne, Executive Director, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment
Sherrie Taguchi, Director of Programs
- 12:15 **Celebration Lunch (informal)**
Location: *Lebanese Taverna, 2641 Connecticut Ave.*
- By 2:00 **Wrap Up & Return to the Bay Area**