



**Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment
Rising Environmental Leaders Program
DC Boot Camp – Agenda
March 24-29, 2019**

*NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, all sessions are at Resources for the Future (RFF)
Seventh Floor Conference Room, 1616 P Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036*

Sunday, March 24 – Arrival and Set Up for the Week

Arrive and check in: Darcy Hotel
1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036

6:30 **Social Half-Hour – Ellington Room, Darcy Hotel**

7:00 **Welcome Dinner** (Informal) Set Up for Week, Review of Final Agenda and Q & A
Mollie Field, Events Manager
Lea Rosenbohm, D.C. External Affairs Advisor
Roberta Tugendreich, Program Manager

Monday, March 25 – Day 1 – Overview: Understanding Washington and the Key Actors

7:30-8:30 Breakfast on own

8:30 *Meet in Hotel Lobby to walk to RFF*

9:00-10:15 **Intro to the Federal Government: Key Actors in the Environmental Policy System**

Daniel Weiss, CEO, Oak Park Strategies
Phil Sharp, President, Resources for the Future (retired)

11:00-12:15 **Science and the Federal Agencies**

Carolyn Snyder, Director, Climate Protection Partnerships Division, EPA
Sharlene Weatherwax, Associate Director of Science for Biological and Environmental Research (BER), Office of Science, DOE
Holly Summers, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, USDA

12:30-1:30 **Lunch: with speaker**

Hilary Tompkins, Partner, Hogan Lovells (former Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, 2009-2017; Stanford Law School '96)

2:00 Walk to Green Building Council

- 2:30-4:30 **NGOs– role in the policy process**
Location: U.S. Green Building Council, 2101 L Street, NW. #500
- Elizabeth Beardsley*, Senior Policy Counsel, U.S. Green Building Council
Chloe Koseff, Policy Associate, National Audubon Society
Sharon Buccino, Senior Director, Land Division, Nature Program, Natural Resources Defense Council
Sarah Cooley, Director, Ocean Acidification Program, The Ocean Conservancy
- 6:00-8:00 **Dinner with speaker: Kameran Onley**, Director, U.S. Government Relations, The Nature Conservancy
Location: Honeysuckle Restaurant, 1990 M Street, NW

Tuesday, March 26 – Day 2 – A Focus on Congress

- Before 7:45 Breakfast on your own
- 8:00 Meet in Hotel Lobby
- 9:00-9:45 **Inner Workings of a Congressional Office**
Location: Longworth HOB Room 1629
Jeremy Marcus, Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director, Congressman Cartwright (D-PA)
- 10:00-11:00 **Hearings**
- 11:30-12:30 **Meeting with House Natural Resources Committee staff**
Location: TBD
Austin Hacker, Professional Staff
- 12:30-2:00 **Lunch** in Hart Cafeterias or Union Station Food Court
- Gallery visits**
- 2:00 **Meet in front of Capitol for RELP group photo**
- 2:30-3:30 **Meeting with Senator Harris’ Environmental staff**
Location: Hart Senate Office Building, Room 112
Ike Irby, Legislative Fellow
- 4:00-4:45 **Role of Committees in the Legislative Process**
Location: Dirksen SOB, EPW Hearing Room 406
Richard Russel, Majority Staff Director, Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
- Dinner on your own***

Wednesday, March 27 – Day 3 – Communications, Messaging and Network Building

7:30-8:30 Breakfast – *Darcy Hotel – Ellington Room*

8:30-10:30 **Interactive Workshop – Making your two-minute pitch**
Location: Darcy Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Ellington Room

RELPL participants will rotate tables in small groups to get feedback from 4-5 different perspectives. Discussion leaders:

Lexi Shultz, Vice President of Public Affairs, American Geophysical Union

Brian L. Wolff, Executive Vice President, Public Policy and External Affairs at Edison Electric Institute (EEI)

Alex Bozmoski, Managing Director, RepublicEn

Eva Zanzler, Program Director, Earth Sciences, National Science Foundation

11:00-12:30 **Local Government – Engagement on Environmental Matters**

Location: Darcy Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Ellington Room

Michael Bueno, Energy and Climate Coordinator, National Caucus of Environmental Legislators

Devashree Saha, Director, Environment and Energy, Council of State Governments

Judy Sheahan, Assistant Executive Director for the Environment, US Conference of Mayors

Afternoon Time for individual appointments

Dinner on your own

Thursday, March 28 – Day 4 - Communications, Messaging and Network Building (cont'd)

8:00-9:00 Breakfast on your own

9:00 Walk to National Geographic

9:30-11:00 **Working with Media to get your Message out**

Location: National Geographic Society, 1145 17th Street, Hubbard Room

Interactive Session – cohort rotates tables in small groups to practice being interviewed by a journalist

Host: **Brian Howard**, Senior Editor, Environment, National Geographic

Dan Stone, Contributing Editor, National Geographic

Meaghan Parker, Executive Director, Society of Environmental Journalists

Niina Heikkinen, Reporter, E&E

Rob Meyer, Associate Editor, The Atlantic

11:00-12:00 Tour and walk to Hoover Institution, 1399 New York Avenue, NW

- 12:00-1:45 **Lunch with panel - International Development and Sustainability**
Location: Hoover Institution, 1399 New York Avenue, NW
- Abigail Jones*, Water and Sanitation Specialist, USAID
Greg Watson, Lead Specialist, Natural Capital Lab, Climate Change & Sustainable Development Sector, Inter-American Development Bank
- 2:00-3:00 **Bob Perciasepe**, President, C2ES
Location: Hoover Institution, 1399 New York Avenue, NW
- 3:30-5:00 **Think Tanks: Turning Science into Policymaking**
Location: Hoover Institution, 1399 New York Avenue, NW
- Alice Hill*, Research Fellow, Hoover Institution
Andrew Light, Distinguished Senior Fellow, Global Climate Program, World Resources Institute
Kristin Hayes, Director, Energy Resources for the Future
- 6:00-7:00 **Reception with Chris Field**
Location: Darcy Hotel
- Dinner on your own**

Friday, March 29 - Day 5 – Looking Ahead –Fellowships

- 8:00 - 9:00 **Breakfast** – Darcy Hotel – Ellington Room
- 9:00-10:30 **Exploring the World of Science Policy: Science Fellows Share Their Views**
Location: Darcy Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, Ellington Room
- Moderator: *Lea Rosenbohm*, D.C. External Affairs Advisor
Georges Comair, World Bank Early Career Fellow
Loren LaPointe, AAAS S&T Fellow, USDA
Julia Mason, Knauss Marine Policy Fellow
Rebecca Gilsdorf, World Bank Early Career Fellow (former RELPer)
- 10:30-11:30 **Certificates + Brief Debrief**
Location: Darcy Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, Ellington Room
Chris Field, Director, Stanford Woods Institute
- 12:00 **Celebration Lunch (informal)**
Location: Agora, 1527 17th St NW
- By 2:00 **Wrap Up & Return to the Bay Area**