

**Council on Undergraduate Research  
2009 Posters on the Hill  
General Information**

**Monday, May 4, 2009**

Field Trips

12:00 pm

All field trip participants meet in the Lobby of the Capitol Skyline Hotel  
10 I Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20024

**Opportunities:**

Library of Congress

Orientation Session

5:30 pm

American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)  
First Floor Meeting Room  
1307 New York Ave.  
Washington, DC 20005

Light Dinner (available as field trip participants return)

Presentation of Certificates

Speakers - Della Cronin  
Vice President for Legislative and Public Affairs  
Washington Partners, LLC

James Brown (tentative)  
Senior Legislative Associate, American Chemical

**Tuesday, May 5, 2009**

Morning Session - Rayburn House Office Building, Gold Room (2168 Rayburn)

8:30 am

Continental Breakfast

9:00 am

Welcome – Jeff Osborn  
President - Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)

Introduction of Speakers- Nancy Hensel  
Executive Officer – CUR

Speakers - Arlene Blum  
Author of *Breaking Life, A Climbing Life*

Representative Rush Holt (tentative)  
12<sup>th</sup> District of New Jersey

11:00 am–3:00 pm Appointments with Representatives

3:30 – 5:00 pm

Poster set-up - Rayburn House Office Building (B338, B339,  
B340)

5:30 – 7:30 pm      Poster session, reception and ACS Awards Ceremony - Rayburn House Office Building (B338, B339, B340)

\*Students, we ask that you step away from your posters once the ACS Awards Ceremony begins. At the conclusion of the ceremony, you may return to your posters.

7:30 pm              Break down posters

### **Dress Codes**

#### **Monday, May 4, 2009**

**Field Trips – Business Casual, but wear comfortable shoes.**

**Orientation – Business Casual – No jeans, shorts, halter tops or tube tops.**

#### **Tuesday, May 5, 2009**

**Morning Session - Business Attire**

**Visits with Representatives – Business Attire**

**Posters Presentation and Reception – Business Attire**

#### **Directions**

- **Capitol Skyline Hotel – 202.488.7500**  
10 I (Eye) Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20024  
<http://www.capitolskyline.com/index.cfm>

#### **Metro Instructions:**

For a map of the DC Metro System, visit:

<http://www.wmata.com/rail/maps/map.cfm>

- **From Hotel to AASCU:**  
AASCU  
1307 New York Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20005

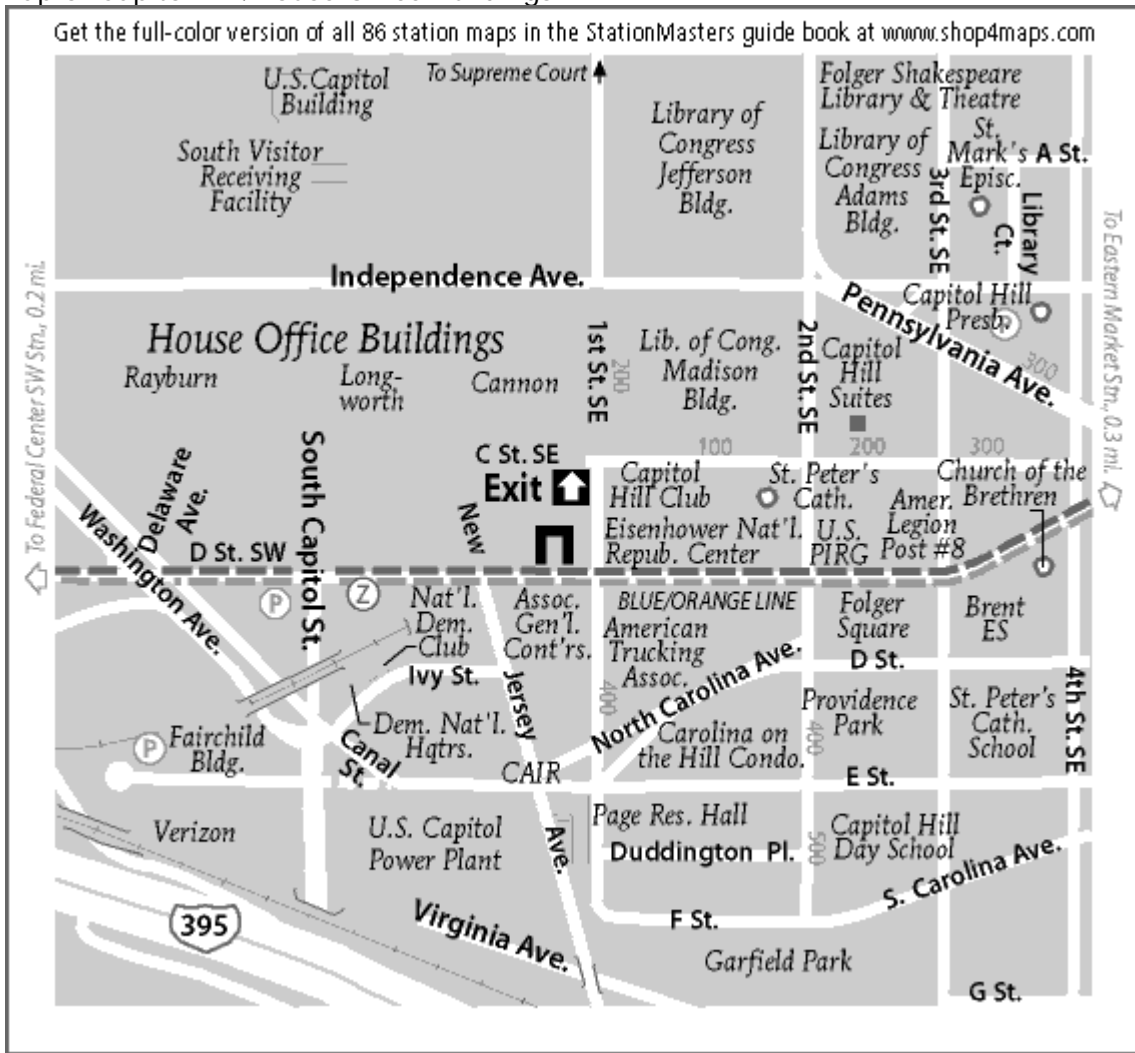
The Hotel is accessible from the Navy Yard Metro Center – take the Green Line towards Greenbelt. Transfer to Orange Line at L'Enfant Plaza. Take Orange line towards Vienna and exit at Metro Center, 13<sup>th</sup> street exit. Walk North 0.21 miles to 1307 New York Avenue.

- **From Hotel to Rayburn House Office Building:**  
Rayburn House Office Building  
50 Independence Ave. SW  
Washington, DC 20024

Walking distance – 5 blocks

Head east on I St SW toward S Capitol St SW. Turn left at S Capitol St SW. left at Canal St SW/Washington Ave SW. Turn right at Delaware Ave SW.

Map of Capitol Hill/House Office Buildings



**Your Poster:**

Posters will be displayed on room dividers that are nominally 5 feet high and 5 feet wide. Two posters will be displayed on each room divider (one on each side). Each participant will have an area that is approximately 56" wide by 48" high. Posters that are wider than 56" WILL NOT be permitted to be displayed. All of your materials must be mounted on the wall. There is no room for additional displays or materials.

Each participant will need to produce a capital-lettered header that will run across the top of the display area (56" wide by 6" high) that will include the name of the student(s) on the top line and the name of the university and funding agency on the bottom line. Be sure to identify the funding agency with the word "Sponsor: ..". For example,

STUDENT NAME AND STUDENT NAME  
 INSTITUTION NAME, ADVISOR: ADVISOR NAME  
 SPONSOR: SPONSOR NAME

This will leave a space of 56" wide by 42" high for your poster.

Pages of text, graphs and photographs should be mounted on a colored cardboard backing. A border of approximately ½" should be used. Multiple pages may be mounted on a single piece of cardboard. Please understand that in terms of layout we're not trying to be overly prescriptive. We would like some degree of uniformity between posters for appearance purposes. You can also use a single poster for your presentation.

While the layout and design of the poster is up to you, the first element in your display should contain the title of your project, a list of all project collaborators, and an abstract. Please remember that the title of the research has NOT been included on the block-lettered header, so it is important that you include it in the material you prepare.

**All poster materials will be attached to the carpeted faces of the room dividers with Velcro fasteners. YOU NEED TO BRING ENOUGH VELCRO TO ATTACH YOUR POSTER TO THE ROOM DIVIDER. Pins, scissors and knives are not allowed past security, so please prepare these materials in advance. We will NOT be able to provide these materials for you.**

### **Getting Prepared:**

While many individuals in Congress have a broad understanding of science and a few have developed a sophisticated understanding in some areas, most members of Congress do not have your depth of knowledge, especially in your particular field. For this reason, you should prepare your poster and your oral remarks for an audience that is educated and knowledgeable but that has a limited technical background. To the extent possible, you should also try to put your work into the broader context of science. Try to avoid the use of technical jargon and use effective graphics (charts and photographs) on your display whenever possible.

Generally members of Congress are interested in people. They may, for example, want to know how your work might benefit the voters back in their districts (please be a little careful here. Do not make too great a stretch of what might be possible or it will be apparent. Not every research project has an immediate application. There is plenty of good basic research that needs to be done before solid applied work can be pursued.) It is also quite likely that besides hearing about your work, members of Congress and their staff will want to know about you and how involvement in undergraduate research has affected your education and life. They may want to know how you got involved in undergraduate research, who you worked with, and how undergraduate research has affected your career plans. You should be prepared to answer these kinds of questions.

### **Local Restaurants Near the Hotel:**

**B Smith's** (American) - 50 Massachusetts Ave. NW (202) 289.6188

**Capitol City Brewing Company** (American) - 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE (202) 842-2337

**Clyde's** (American) - 707 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW- (202) 349.3700

**The Dubliner Restaurant & Pub** (Irish) - 520 N. Capitol St. NW (202) 737.3773

**Ella's** (Great Pizza!) - 501 H St. NW (202) 289.2059

**Legal Sea Foods** (Sea Food) - 704 7th St., NW (202) 347.0007

**Matchbox** (American) - 713 H St. NW (202) 289.4441

**Sun Spot Cafe Of DC** (American) - 440 1st St. NW (202) 783.8331

**Tony Cheng's Mongolian Restaurant** (Chinese) - 619 H St. NW (202) 842.8669

\*A number of these restaurants are listed on OpenTable.com for reservations.

[www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com)

**Two Quail** has that something special - we are referred to as "the most romantic, most fun, and the most comfortable and charming restaurant in Washington, DC." Escape from every day dining and catch a glimpse of America's most influential political figures

**Location:**

320 Massachusetts Ave. NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
P: 202-543-8030

**Tortilla Coast:** A Capitol Hill institution to locals, tourists and politicians since 1988. Fun neighborhood restaurant with great Tex-Mex food and frozen Margaritas. A great place to hold your next catered event, with a variety of both private and semiprivate spaces

**Location:**

400 1st St. SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
P: 202-546-6768

**Art & Soul:** James Beard-Award winning Chef Art Smith opened Art and Soul at The Liaison Capitol Hill to provide Washingtonians with "food for the soul". This 221-seat dining destination serves up fresh and modern regional cuisine with southern accents. The modern décor merges with a welcoming environment to create the perfect setting in which to meet and connect.

**Location:**

415 New Jersey Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
P: 202-434-0126

**Charlie Palmer Steak:** Modern and spacious, Charlie Palmer Steak is an ideal place for power lunches and dinners, with an innovative menu and an all-American wine list, set against a spectacular view of Capitol Hill. Available for private events. Top choice for business dining by Gourmet Magazine, 2005

**Location:**

101 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
P: 202-547-8100

**Cafe Berlin:** Walking distance from Union Station & the Capitol, Cafe Berlin draws politicians, congressional staffers, & loyal neighborhood residents. German owned/operated; insures traditional dishes & seasonal menus are authentically prepared. Homemade deserts include apple strudel & black forest cake. The bar features imported German beers, wines & cocktails.

**Location:**

322 Massachusetts Ave. NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
P: 202-543-7656

**Belga Café:** Join Chef Bart Vandaele at Belga Café for excellent Belgian and Euro-fusion cuisine in a fun, friendly and casual atmosphere. Belga Café is open daily for lunch and dinner and open for brunch on the weekends.

**Location:**

514 8th St. SE

Washington, DC 20003  
P: 202-544-0100

**America Restaurant:** Over 200 dishes from all over the U.S. and 6 elegant dining areas on 4 levels in historic Union Station. Interesting microbrews and American wines by the glass. Open daily.

**Location:**

50 Massachusetts Ave. NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
P: 202-682-9555

- **Metro** – The easiest and most cost effective way to move about Washington, D.C is by metro rail. The closest metro station to the Capitol Skyline Hotel is the Navy Yard Metro Station. Please visit the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority web site at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com) for travel and fare information.
- **Sights to See in Washington, D.C. –**

**Library of Congress** – Thomas Jefferson Building, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Metro: Capitol South Address: 10 First Street SE, Washington DC 20540  
Web site: [www.loc.gov/index.html](http://www.loc.gov/index.html)

**Arlington Cemetery** – 8:00 am – 7:00 pm  
Metro: Arlington Cemetery Address: Arlington, Virginia 22211 **Web site:**  
[www.arlingtoncemetery.org](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org)

**Corcoran Gallery of Art** – 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Metro: Farragut West Address: 500 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington DC 20006 **Web site:** [www.corcoran.org](http://www.corcoran.org)

**National Gallery of Art** – 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Metro: Archives Address: 600 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington DC 20565  
**Web site:** [www.nga.gov](http://www.nga.gov)

**National Museum of the American Indian** – 10:00 am – 5:30 pm  
Metro: L'Enfant Plaza Address: Fourth Street & Independence Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20560  
**Web site:** [www.nmai.si.edu/index\\_nmai.cfm](http://www.nmai.si.edu/index_nmai.cfm)

**National Museum of Women in the Arts** – 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Metro: Metro Center Address: 1250 New York Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20005 **Web site:** [www.nmwa.org](http://www.nmwa.org)

**National Museum of Natural History** - 10:00 am – 5:30 pm  
Metro: Federal Triangle Address: 10<sup>th</sup> Street & Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20560  
**Web site:** [www.mnh.si.edu](http://www.mnh.si.edu)

- **Visiting the Capitol:**

Since September 11<sup>th</sup>, access to the Capitol itself has been greatly restricted. Although valid picture identification is sufficient to enter any of the Congressional

office buildings, visiting the Capitol now requires a visitor's pass or gallery pass. These are best obtained from a member of Congress or senator's office. You can contact The Congressional Special Services Office at (202) 224-4048. By contacting your Representative's office directly, you might obtain a visitor's pass and information about sessions.