This Week in Washington

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**MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015**
None.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015**

*Lessons from Johnson’s “Great Society”*

**Subject:** The New America Foundation will host an event, “The Fierce Urgency of Now: Lyndon Johnson, Congress, and the Battle for the Great Society.”

**Participants:** Julian Zelizer, professor, Princeton University, fellow, New America Foundation; and Jeffrey Toobin, staff writer, *The New Yorker*, senior legal analyst, CNN.

**Time and Location:** 12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.; New America Foundation, 1899 L Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register at: https://urgencyofnow.eventfarm.com/tokens/event/7ff5387-0000-4549-a194-fd0934d5883e.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015**

*New Frontiers in Science*

**Subject:** The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will host a panel discussion, “Visionary Frontiers at the Convergence of Biology, Medicine, and Engineering.”
Participants: Marcia McNutt, Ph.D., editor-in-chief, *Science*; Gene Robinson, Ph.D., director, Institute of Genomic Biology, IL; John Rogers, Ph.D., director, F. Seitz Materials Research Laboratory, IL; Todd Coleman, Ph.D., director, Neural Interaction Laboratory, UC San Diego; Rashid Bashir, Ph.D., Abel Bliss Professor of Engineering and head of the Department of Bioengineering, IL; Richard Harris, NPR; Gregory Farber, Ph.D., director, Office of Technology Development and Coordination, NIMH; Doug Weber, Ph.D., program manager, Biological Technologies Office, DARPA; and Amy Kruse, Ph.D., vice president on innovation, Intific.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; AAAS, 1200 New York Ave, NW, Auditorium, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register at: [https://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=VISI301E](https://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=VISI301E).

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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015**

**Data Privacy**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation will host a webinar, “Differential Privacy: Theoretical and Practical Challenges.”

**Participant:** Salil Vadhan, Vicky Joseph Professor of Computer Science and Applied Mathematics, Harvard University.

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Contact:** RSVP to Keith Marzullo at: kmarzull@nsf.gov.

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**Equity in STEM**

**Subject:** The National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity will host a webinar, “Building Bridges to Belonging in STEM: Mindsets That Increase Participation, Achievement, and Learning in the Face of Stereotypes.”

**Participants:** Catherine Good, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, Baruch College, City University of New York, NY.

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.


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**NSF Procedures Guide Update**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) will host a webinar to outline updates to the NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG).

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register at: [https://nsf.webex.com/mw0307l/mywebex/default.do?service=1&siteurl=nsf&nomenu=true&main_url=%2Fmc0806l%2Fdefault.do%3Fsiteurl%3Dnsf%26AT%3DMI%26EventID%3D299708847%26UID%3D0%26Host%3D51a99f5d5d0d233845%26RG%3D1%26FrameSet%3D2](https://nsf.webex.com/mw0307l/mywebex/default.do?service=1&siteurl=nsf&nomenu=true&main_url=%2Fmc0806l%2Fdefault.do%3Fsiteurl%3Dnsf%26AT%3DMI%26EventID%3D299708847%26UID%3D0%26Host%3D51a99f5d5d0d233845%26RG%3D1%26FrameSet%3D2).

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2015**

**Science and Engineering Indicators**

**Subject:** The National Science Board will hold a teleconference with the Committee on Science and Engineering Indicators.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Contact:** RSVP to Matt Wilson at: mbwilson@nsf.gov.

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**

*S.1 – Keystone XL Pipeline Act (vote to invoke cloture)*

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House Floor:
H.R. 37 – Promoting Job Creation and Reducing Small Business Burdens Act
H.R. 185 – Regulatory Accountability Act of 2015

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Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

U.S. House of Representatives 2013 Schedule:
http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf

U.S. Senate 2013 Schedule:
http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm


U.S. Senate Budget Committee: http://www.budget.senate.gov

U.S. House Budget Committee: http://www.house.gov/budget

Congressional Budget Office: http://www.cbo.gov

Federal legislative information: http://thomas.loc.gov

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