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Weekly Calendar

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MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015
Undergraduate STEM Education at Hispanic Serving Institutions
Subject: The National Science Foundation (NSF) will host a webinar, “Stimulating Research in Undergraduate STEM Education at Two-Year Hispanic Serving Institutions.”
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015
Forensic Science
Subject: The National Science Foundation (NSF) and the American Psychological Association (APA) will host an event, “Forensics: Follow the Science.”
Participants: Dr. Heather O’Beirne Kelly, Science Government Relations Office, APA; Dr. G. Daniel Lassiter, professor of Psychology, Ohio University; Dr. Mark D. Shriver, professor of Anthropology and Genetics, Pennsylvania State University; Dr. Gary Well, professor of Psychology, Iowa State University; and Dr. Fay Lomax Cook, assistant director, Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, NSF.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 2325 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: RSVP at symposium@nsf.gov.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015

SBE Advisory Board Meeting
Subject: The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) will hold their Spring Advisory Committee meeting from May 13-14.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford I, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.
Contact: For inquiries about the meeting contact Deborah Olster at: dholster@nsf.gov. View the agenda here.

Economic Policies
Subject: The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF) will host an event, “Inclusive Prosperity Without the Prosperity: Why the Democrats’ ‘Middle-Out’ Economic Formula is a Bad Recipe for 2016.”
Participants: Robert D. Atkinson, President, ITIF; Martin Neil Baily, director of business and public policy initiative, Brookings Institution; Michael Lind, policy director, New America Foundation; Robert E. Litan, nonresident senior fellow, Brookings Institution; Michael Mandel, chief economic strategist, Progressive Policy Institute; and Zack Silk, veteran political strategist and serial entrepreneur.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; ITIF, 1101 K Street, NW, Suite 610A, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Universal Skills
Participants: Amit Dar, education director, The World Bank Group; Eric A. Hanushek, Paul and Jean Hanna Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University; and Andreas Schleicher, director of education and skills, and special advisor to the Secretary-General at the OECD.
Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; World Bank Group, 1776 G Street, NW, G Building, Room G8-090, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP here.

House Science Committee Hearing on Nuclear Energy
Subject: The House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology’s Subcommittee on Energy will hold a hearing, “Nuclear Energy Innovation and the National Labs.”
Witnesses: Dr. Mark Peters, associate laboratory director, Energy and Global Securities, Argonne National Laboratory; Frank Batten, Jr., president, the Landmark Foundation; Nathan Gilliland, CEO, General Fusion; and Dr. John Parmentola, senior vice president, Energy and Advanced Concepts Group, General Atomics.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the hearing, contact: 202.225.6371.

Policy in an Age of Polarization
Subject: The Albert Shanker Institute will host an event, “Education and Economic Policy in an Age of Political Polarization: Is There a Good Way Forward?”
Participants: Danielle Allen, professor, Princeton University; Leo Casey, executive director, Albert Shanker Institute; Norman J. Ornstein, resident scholar, American Enterprise Institute; and Ruy Teixeira, senior fellow, Center for American Progress.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m.; 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.
House Science Committee Markup
Subject: The House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology will hold a markup of the Space Resource Exploration and Utilization Act of 2015 (HR 1508), the Office of Space Commerce Act (HR__), and the Spurring Private Aerospace Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship Act of 2015 (HR__).
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the hearing, contact: 202.225.6371.

American Dream in Crisis
Subject: The Thomas B. Fordham Institute will host an event, "The American Dream in Crisis: A Conversation with Robert Putnam."
Participants: Robert Putnam, professor, Harvard University, author, Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis; and Michael Petrilli, president, Thomas B. Fordham Institute.
Time and Location: 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; 1016 16th Street, NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015
Social Impact Bonds and Pay for Success
Subject: The National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives (NPSC) will host a briefing, "The Economics of Prevention: Strategic Investment for Public Good and Public Savings; Pay for Success/Social Impact Bond Legislations," to discuss strategies that can prevent human suffering, save tax payer dollars and strengthen the labor markets across sectors.
Participants: Diana Fishbein, Ph.D., professor and Director of C-TRANS, Department of Psychiatry, University of Maryland School of Medicine and Director of the National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve lives; Representative Bobby Scott (D-VA); Max Crowley, Ph.D., National Institutes of Health fellow; Duke University; Phaedra Corso, Ph.D., UGA Foundation Professor of Human Health and director, Economic Evaluation Research Group, University of Georgia; Thomas Conroy, M.A. and M.B.A., Vice President, Government Performance, Pew Charitable Trusts, John Roman, Ph.D., senior fellow, Justice Policy Center, Urban Institute; Representative Todd Young (R-IN); Representative John Delaney (D-MD); and Representative Robert Dold (R-IL).
Time and Location: 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.; 210 Cannon HOB.
Contact: RSVP to nwollman@bentley.edu.

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015
None.

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On The Floor This Week
Senate Floor:
S.Con.Res.16 - Stating the policy of the U.S. regarding the release of U.S. citizens in Iran

House Floor:
H.R. 1732 – Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015
H.R. 36 – Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act
H.R. 2048 – USA Freedom Act of 2015
Possible Consideration of Legislation Related to the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act

Bills to Watch

EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)
S. 227  Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (02/04/2015 Passed HELP Committee and moved to the Senate Legislative Calendar)

AMERICA COMPETES ACT
H.R. 1806  Sponsor: Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX)
America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015 (04/22/2015 Passed the Science, Space and Technology Committee)

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