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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington D.C. that are relevant to CUR’s interests. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014
Challenges of the Teaching Profession
Subject: The New America Foundation will host an event, “The Teacher Wars: A History of America’s Most Embattled Profession.”
Participants: Dana Goldstein, Author, The Teacher Wars: A History of America’s Most Embattled Profession; and Jamelle Bouie, Staff Writer, Slate.
Time and Location: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.; 1899 L Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register at: http://www.newamerica.net/events/2014/teacher_wars.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014
Federal Research in America
Subject: The American Academy of Art & Sciences will host a public release of their report, “Restoring the Foundation: The Vital Role of Research in Preserving the American Dream.”
Participants: Norman R. Augustine, Cochair, Restoring the Foundation report, Retired Chairman and CEO, Lockheed Martin Corporation and former Under Secretary, U.S. Army; Neal F. Lane, Cochair, Restoring the Foundation report, Malcolm Gillis University Professor, Rice University, former Director, National Science Foundation and former Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; Hunter R. Rawlings III, President, Association of American Universities; Peter McPherson, President, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities; the Honorable
Bart Gordon, Partner, K&L Gates, former U.S. Representative of Tennessee, former Chairman, House Committee on Science and Technology.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m.; Top of the Hill, Reserve Officers Association, 1 Constitution Ave, NE, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register at: https://www.amacad.org/content/members/cEventRegForm.aspx?id=149.

### University Rating Systems

**Subject:** The New America Foundation will host an event, "America’s Worst Colleges," to discuss the upcoming rating systems to be unveiled by the Obama administration.

**Participants:** Jamie P. Merisotis, President and CEO, Lumina Foundation; Amy Binder, Professor of Sociology, University of California, San Diego, CA; Kevin Carey, Director, Education Policy Program, New America Foundation; Ben Miller, Senior Policy Analyst, New America Foundation; Laura Colarusso, Freelance Writer; and Paul Glastris, Editor in Chief, *Washington Monthly*.

**Time and Location:** 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 1899 L Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register at: http://www.newamerica.net/events/2014/america_s_worst_colleges.

### Senate Briefing on Federal Research

**Subject:** The American Academy of Art & Sciences will host a briefing on their new report, "Restoring the Foundation: The Vital Role of Research in Preserving the American Dream."

**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m.; 203-02 SVC, Capitol Hill Visitors Center.

**Contact:** Register at: https://www.amacad.org/content/members/cEventRegForm.aspx?id=150.

### Career and Technical Education

**Subject:** The Senate Career and Technical Education (CTE) Caucus will host a briefing, "Narrowing the Skills Gap: Best Practices for Preparing Workers with the Skills to Fill Today’s Jobs."

**Participants:** Charles Speelman, Superintendent, Tri-Rivers Career Center, Marion, OH; Danny Hunley, Vice President of Operations, Newport News Shipbuilding, Huntington Ingalls Industries, Newport News, VA; Bryan Albrecht, President, Gateway Technical College, Kenosha, WI; Portia Wu, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor (DOL); and Gerri Fiala, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, DOL.

**Time and Location:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; 366 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** RSVP to bdesetti@acteonline.org.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

HELP Hearing on Individuals with Disabilities and Poverty

Subject: The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) will hold a hearing, “Fulfilling the Promise: Overcoming Persistent Barriers to Economic Self-Sufficiency for People with Disabilities.”

Time and Location: 9:30 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.

Contact: For inquiries about the hearing, call: 202.224.5375.

Effect of the Budget on Education

Subject: The Urban Institute will host an event, “How Our Current Budget Priorities Are Shaping Our Children’s Future.”

Participants: Miriam Calderon, Special Projects, BUILD; Ron Haskins, Co-Director, Center on Children and Families; Julia Isaacs, Senior Fellow, Urban Institute; Eugene Steuerle, Institute Fellow, Urban Institute; and Ruby Takanishi, Senior Research Fellow, Early Education Initiative, The New America Foundation.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 2100 M Street, NW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-our-current-budget-priorities-are-shaping-our-childrens-future-registration-12652099771.

Improving America’s Economy

Subject: The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event, “Resetting America’s Economic Foundation,” to discuss Speaker John Boehner’s (R-OH) five-point policy plan to reset America’s economy.

Participants: Speaker John Boehner (R-OH); and Arthur C. Brooks, AEI.

Time and Location: 2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; AEI, 1150 Seventeenth Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC.


Golden Goose Award

Subject: The third annual Golden Goose Award ceremony will be held to honor scientists whose federally funded research may have seemed obscure or not to have significant practical applications at the time it was conducted but has resulted in major economic or other benefits to society.

Time and Location: 5:30 p.m.; Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, 101 Independence Ave, SE, Mumford Room, Washington, DC.

Contact: RSVP to rsvp@goldengooseaward.org.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

Science and Engineering Indicators

Subject: The National Science Board will hold a teleconference to discuss the Science and Engineering Indicators “Digital Indicators” Project.

Time: 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Contact: RSVP to Matt Wilson, at: mbwilson@nsf.gov at least 24 hours before the call to receive the conference call number.

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On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
S. 2199 - The Paycheck Fairness Act

Possible Consideration of a Continuing Resolution to Fund the Government Operations for Fiscal Year 2015

House Floor:
H.R. 24 – Jobs for America Act.
H.R. 3593 – VA Construction Assistance Act of 2014
H.R. 4276 – Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Care Improvement Act of 2014
H.R. 4994 – Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation (IMPACT) Act of 2014
H.R. 5404 – Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2014
S. 1086 – Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014

Bills to Watch

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)
S. 1094 Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Strengthening American Schools Act of 2013 to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/12/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

Student Success Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/19/13 passed by House Ed and Workforce Committee)

STRENGTHENING EDUCATION THROUGH RESEARCH ACT
H.R. 4366 Sponsor: Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (05/08/14 passed by House; 4/8/2014 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

SIMPLIFYING THE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID ACT
H.R. 4982 Sponsor: Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)
Simplifying the Application for Student Aid Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT
H.R. 4983 Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH ENHANCED FINANCIAL COUNSELING ACT
H.R. 4984 Sponsor: Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY)
Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

**HIGHER EDUCATION AFFORDABILITY ACT**

**Draft**  
Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)  
Higher Education Affordability Act *(discussion draft of the bill, comments due to HELP Committee by 08/29/14)*

**AMERICA COMPETES REAUTHORIZATION ACT**

**S. 2757**  
Sponsor: Sen. John Rockefeller (D-WV)  
America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Reauthorization Act of 2014 (07/31/14 referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation)

**H.R. 4186**  
Sponsor: Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)  
Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science and Technology Act of 2014 (03/10/14 reported out of committee by voice vote)

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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 Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions:  
http://help.senate.gov

U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor:  
http://edlabor.house.gov

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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