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MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012

Energy Environment and Biological Research

Subject: The Energy Department’s Office of Science will hold a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., Gaithersburg Marriott, Washingtonian Center, 9751 Washingtonian Blvd, Gaithersburg, Md.

Contact: David Thomassen, 301-903-9817, david.thomassen@science.doe.gov

Blueprint for the Future: Framing the Issues of Women in Science in a Global Context

Subject: The National Research Council will hold an event to release the report, Blueprint for the Future: Framing the Issues of Women in Science in a Global Context, that summarizes a 2011 workshop that reviewed the existing international knowledge base and exemplary policies and programs designed to enhance the status and participation of women in STEM disciplines with a focus on chemistry, computer science, and mathematics and statistics.

Participants: Dr. Rita Colwell, Chairwoman, Committee on Women in Science, Engineering, and Medicine.
**Time and Location:** 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., The National Academies, Keck Center, Room 100, 500 5th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP at: http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/cwsem/wis/PGA_072467.

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**Education Reform in the Next White House**

**Subject:** The National Press Club will host a live screening of a debate between the education advisors of the presidential candidates sponsored by Teachers College and Columbia University.

**Participants:** Jon Schnur, Education Advisor, Obama Presidential Campaign; and Phil Handy, Higher Education Co-Chair, Governor Romney's Education Policy Advisory Group.

**Time and Location:** 6:00 p.m., National Press Club 529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Register at: www.tc.edu/events/11455.

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**Energy-Water Food Nexus**

**Subject:** The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) will hold a discussion on "Energy-Water-Food Nexus: Connections and Conflicts," including figuring out "the tradeoffs and optimizing resource use is a challenge that will become even more urgent as the global population grows to an estimated 9 billion by 2050."

**Participants:** Nicole Carter, Specialist, Natural Resources Policy, Congressional Research Service; Melissa Ho, Senior Policy Adviser, US Agency for International Development's Bureau for Food Security; Cathleen Enright, Executive Vice President, Food and Agriculture for the Biotechnology Industry Organization; and Richard Harris, Science Correspondent, National Public Radio.

**Time and Location:** 6:00 p.m., AAAS, 1200 New York Avenue NW, Auditorium, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Earl Lane, 202-326-6431, elane@aaas.org; or 202-326-6440, media@aaas.org.

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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2012**

**Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

**Subject:** Health and Human Services Department (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF) President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities will hold a meeting of the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to discuss preparation of the PCPID 2012 Report to the President. The meeting will discuss the report's content and format, and related data collection and analysis required to complete the writing of the report.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m., HHS, 200 Independence Ave SW, Room 800, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Laverdia Taylor Roach, 202-205-5970, Laverdia.Roach@acf.hhs.gov.

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**STEM Education**

**Subject:** The American Chemical Society (ACS) will hold a discussion on "Opportunity with STEM: Attract, Retain, and Diversity."

**Participants:** Eunice Heath, General Manager, Dow Home & Personal Care, Dow Chemical Company; Linda Rosen, CEO, Change the Equation; Mark Rosenberg, President, Florida International University; and S. James Gates Jr., Director, Center for String and Particle Theory, University of Maryland.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m., 902 Hart Senate Office Building.

**Contact:** Darcy Gentleman, 202-872-8061, d_gentleman@acs.org.

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**Education Reform in the Next White House**

**Subject:** The American Education Institute will host an event featuring the education policy advisers from the Obama and Romney campaigns to discuss the best ways to allocate limited resources, improve teacher quality, increase accountability and maximize student achievement during the next presidential term.

**Participants:** Frederick Hess, Resident Scholar and Director of Education Policy Studies, AEI; Jon Schnur, Obama Campaign; and Martin West, Romney Campaign.

**Time and Location:** 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m., AEI, 1150 17th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, D.C.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2012
The Science of Biodiversity
Subject: The National Academy of Sciences will hold a discussion titled “Science Cafe: The Science of Biodiversity.”
Participants: Merlin Hanauer, Assistant Professor, Economics, Sonoma State University; and Chase Mendenhall, Doctoral Candidate, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Stanford University.
Time and Location: 6:30 p.m., Koshland Science Museum, 525 E Street NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: 202-334-1201, ksm@nas.edu; http://nas.nasonline.org/site/Calendar?view=Detail&id=100722.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012
None.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012
None.

Future Hearings and Events
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012
Pain Research
Subject: Health and Human Services Department (HHS) National Institutes of Health (NIH) will hold a meeting of the Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee to receive an overview of the federally funded pain research portfolio, discuss top pain research advances over the last three years, and receive updates on several pain programs at the NIH and Defense Department.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., NIH, Building 31, Conference Room 10, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, Md.
Contact: Linda Porter, 301-496-9271, PublicInquiries@mail.nih.gov.

Science in the Administrative Process
Subject: Administrative Conference of the US will hold a meeting of the Committee on Regulation to consider a set of draft recommendations dealing with the Science in the Administrative Process project.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m., 1120 20th Street NW, Suite 706 South, Washington, D.C.
Contact: Reeve Bull, 202-480-2080, rbull@acus.gov.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012
Climate and Energy Literacy
Subject: The National Education Association (NEA), the National Center for Science Education (NCSE), and the Alliance for Climate Education are convening a Climate Education Forum to discuss the challenges and opportunities around climate science literacy, particularly in formal K-12 and undergraduate settings, build on prior efforts to develop a strategic framework that will foster measurable increases in climate and energy literacy, and identify stellar resources and programs with proven success that can help inform discussions on national initiatives or public-private partnerships.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., National Education Association, 1201 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
Contact: RSVP to Susan Nogan at SNogan@nea.org.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2012
Teacher Evaluations
Subject: George Washington University's Graduate School of Education and Human Development and Pearson's Research & Innovation Network will kick off a symposium series on
“Evaluating Educator Effectiveness” to discuss and learn about current research, policy and practice associated with developing and implementing educator evaluation systems.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., George Washington University, Jack Morton Auditorium, 805 21st Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP to: awein@gwu.edu.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2012**

**Ninth Annual Brown Lecture in Education Research**

**Subject:** The American Educational Research Association (AERA) will host the Ninth Annual Brown Lecture in Education Research titled, “Original Intent: Black Educators in an Elusive Quest for Justice.”

**Participants:** Vanessa Siddle Walker, Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor, Educational Studies, Emory University.

**Time and Location:** 6:00 p.m., Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center Amphitheater, Concourse Level, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP to: 202-238-3234 or brownlecture@aera.net.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2012**

**2012 Election Results and Education**

**Subject:** The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host a discussion about the 2012 election results and what it means for the potential reauthorization of the ESEA, federal education spending, and state and local issues.

**Participants:** Andrew P. Kelly, AEI; Katherine Haley, Office of Speaker John Boehner (R-OH); Frederick M. Hess, AEI; Alyson Klein, Education Week; Andy Rotherham, Bellwether Education Partners; Zakiya Smith, White House Domestic Policy Council; and Kristen Soltis Anderson, The Winston Group.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., AEI, 1150 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP at: [http://www.aei.org/events/2012/11/08/what-will-the-2012-election-mean-for-education/](http://www.aei.org/events/2012/11/08/what-will-the-2012-election-mean-for-education/).

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate**

In recess.

**House**

In recess.

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**Bills to Watch**

**FY2013 APPROPRIATIONS**

**House**

**H.Con.Res.112** **Sponsor:** Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI)  
FY2013 Budget Resolution (3/29/12 passed by House; 3/21/12 passed by House Budget Committee)

**H.R.#** **Sponsor:** Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA)
FY2013 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act
(4/26/12 passed by House Appropriations Committee; 4/19/12 passed by House CJS Appropriations Subcommittee)

Senate
S.2323
Sponsor: Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)
FY2013 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act
(4/19/12 passed by Senate Appropriations Committee; 4/17/12 passed by Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittee)

S.3295
Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
FY2013 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (6/14/12 passed by Senate Appropriations Committee; 6/12/12 passed by Senate LHHS Appropriations Subcommittee)

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

U.S. House of Representatives 2010 Schedule:
U.S. Senate 2010 Schedule:
http://www.democrats.senate.gov/calendar/2010-01.html or
http://www.gpoaccess.gov/calendars/senate/browse.html
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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