This Week in Washington

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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.

Weekly Calendar

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Future Hearings & Events

Subject: The Office of Science and Technology Policy holds a workshop on "U.S.-EU Bridging NanoEHS Research Efforts" on developing a shared repertoire of protocols and methods to overcome research gaps and barriers and to address environmental, health, and safety questions about nanomaterials, December 2-3.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Va.

Contact: Stacey Standridge, 703-292-8103, sstandridge@nnco.nano.gov.

Sequestration and the Workforce Discussion

Subject: The American Association for the Advancement of Science holds a discussion on "Sequestration and the American Workforce."

Participants: Hunter Rawlings, President, Association of American Universities; Emily Holubowich, Co-Chairman, Nondefense Discretionary United, Executive Director, Coalition for Health Funding; Wes Bush, Chairman, Aerospace Industries Association, Chairman, CEO, President, Northrop Grumman Corporation; Dorothy Coleman, Vice President of Tax and Domestic Economic Policy, National Association of Manufacturers; and Ian Steff, Vice President for Global Policy and Technology Partnerships, Semiconductor Industry Association.

Time and Location: 11:00 a.m., AAAS, 1200 New York Avenue NW, Auditorium, Washington, D.C.

Contact: Dan Stohr, 703-517-8173, dan.stohr@aia-aerospace.org.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013

**College Affordability Hearing**

**Subject:** The House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training holds a hearing titled, “Keeping College Within Reach: Strengthening Pell Grants for Future Generations.”

**Witnesses:** Justin Draeger, President and CEO, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators; Dr. Jenna Ashley Robinson, Director of Outreach, John W. Pope Center for Higher Education Policy, NC; Michael Dannenberg, Director of Higher Education and Education Finance Policy, The Education Trust; and Richard C. Heath, Director of Student Financial Services, Anne Arundel Community College, MD.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn House Office Building.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing, call 202-225-4527.

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**STEM Program Partnerships**

**Subject:** The Council on Undergraduate Research, in cooperation with the STEM Education Caucus, hosts an event titled, “Fixing the Leaky Pipeline: How Two-Year to Four-Year STEM Partnership Programs are Making a Difference.”

**Participants:** Elizabeth Ambos, Executive Officer, CUR; V. Celeste Carter, Program Officer, Advanced Technological Education Program, National Science Foundation (NSF); George Twaddle, Professor of Biotechnology, Ivy Tech Community College, IN; Joseph Hull, Indiana University at South Bend, IN; Marya Lieberman, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Notre Dame, IN; Mark Filowitz, Associate Dean, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, California State University, Fullerton, CA; and Cher Carrera, Interim Dean, Division of Science, Math, and Health Sciences, Santa Ana College, CA.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., 122 Cannon House Office Building.

**Contact:** RSVP to Audrey Busch at abusch@wpllc.net by December 2.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013

**Ocean Research Panel**

**Subject:** The Department of Defense’s Department of the Navy holds a meeting of the Ocean Research Advisory Panel to discuss ocean research, resource management, and other current issues in the ocean science and management communities, December 3-4.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m., QinetiQ-North America, 4100 Fairfax Drive, Suite 800, Arlington, Va.

**Contact:** Joan Cleveland, 703-696-4532.

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**Astrobiology**

**Subject:** The House Science, Space, and Technology Committee holds a hearing on "Astrobiology: Search for Biosignatures in our Solar System and Beyond."

**Witnesses:** Mary Voytek, Senior Scientist for Astrobiology, National Planetary Science Division, Aeronautics and Space Administration; Sara Seager, Professor of Physics and Planetary Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Steven Dick, Chair of Astrobiology, John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., 2318 Rayburn House Office Building.

**Contact:** 202-225-6371, science.house.gov.

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**Skills Gap in the Workforce**

**Subject:** The Brookings Institution hosts an event titled, “Fixing the Skills Gap: Getting Americans Back to Work via Workforce Development Programs” to discuss reforms to federal workforce development policies.

**Participants:** Elisabeth Jacobs, Fellow, Brookings Institution; Anthony Carnevale, Research Professor and Director, The Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce; Laura Chenven, Director, Healthcare Career Advancement Program; Lance LaVergne, Director of
Talent Acquisition, Alcoa; and Van Ton Quinlivan, Vice Chancellor, Workforce Economic Development, California Community Colleges.

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., The Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register at: https://www.cvent.com/events/fixing-the-skills-gap-getting-americans-back-to-work-via-workforce-development-programs/registration-2f8ee1e27414a3089443b11fa16dc08.aspx.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2013
None.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013
None.

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**On The Floor This Week**

In recess until Monday, December 9, 2013.

**House**

- **H.R. 1105** – Small Business Capital Access and Job Preservation Act
- **Possible Consideration of H.R. 3309** – Innovation Act

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**Bills to Watch**

**FY2014 APPROPRIATIONS**

- **H.R. 2775** Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 (signed by President 10/17/13; passed by House of Representatives and Senate 10/16/13).

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

- 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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