Weekly Calendar

Monday, December 10, 2012

**VA Biomedical Laboratory/Clinical Science Research**

**Subject:** The Veterans Affairs (VA) Department holds a meeting of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board of Cardiovascular Studies.

**Time and Location:** 8:00 a.m., Sheraton Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Va.

**Contact:** LeRoy Frey, 202-443-5674, Leroy.frey@va.gov.

**Education and the Economy**

**Subject:** The Economic Club of Washington holds a discussion on the future of higher education and the role it can play in growing the U.S. economy.

**Participants:** Drew Gilpin Faust, President and Professor, History, Harvard University; and David Rubenstein, President, The Economic Club.

**Time and Location:** 8:15 a.m., Fairmont Hotel, 2401 M Street NW, Grand Ballroom, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Judi Irastorza, 703-765-6881, media@economicclub.org.
Youth-Career Pipeline

Subject: McKinsey hosts a webinar titled, "Education to Employment: Designing a System that Works," to release a report by the same name.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Contact: Register at: http://mckinseyonsociety.com/email/e2e/e2e-email-12nov2012.html.

Higher Education and American Competitiveness

Subject: The Center for American Progress (CAP), Harvard University and Google hosts a discussion on the challenges and opportunities policymakers face in ensuring U.S. economic competitiveness at a time of mounting competition around the world. Specific focus will be on the national economic role of U.S. institutions of higher education; the emerging use of technology to expand and enrich workforce development; and the federal role in innovation in a time of tightening budgets.

Participants: Drew Faust, President, Harvard University; Al Hunt, Executive Editor, Bloomberg News; Glenn Hutchins, Co-Founder, Silver Lake; Susan Molinari, Vice President of Public Policy and Government Relations, Google; Gene Sperling, Director, National Economic Council and Assistant to the President for Economic Policy; Neera Tanden, President, CAP; Jonathan Moreno, Senior Fellow, CAP; and David Weitz, Mallinckrodt Professor of Physics and of Applied Physics, Harvard University.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., CAP, 1333 H Street, NW, 10th floor, Washington, D.C.
Contact: Register at: http://www.americanprogressaction.org/events.

Benefits and Challenges of Higher Education

Subject: The University of Maryland (UMD) School of Public Policy holds a forum on "Who Needs College? The Benefits - and Challenges - of Encouraging More Students to Attend College."

Participants: Brit Kirwan, Chancellor, University System of Maryland; and Robert Samuelson, Columnist, Washington Post.

Time and Location: 12:15 p.m., UMD, School of Public Policy, 2101 Van Munching Hall, College Park, Md.
Contact: Jennifer Talhelm, 301-405-4390, italhelm@umd.edu.

Climate Change

Subject: The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), American Chemical Society and Georgetown University Program on Science in the Public Interest holds a discussion on "Climate Change: The Arctic as an Emerging Market," to examine the implications of the shrinking summer Arctic ice cover on ocean shipping, oil and gas exploration, scientific research and other activities.

Participants: Jed Hamilton, Senior Arctic Consultant, Exxon Mobil; Julienne Stroeve, Research Scientist, National Snow and Ice Data Center; and Richard Harris, Science Correspondent, NPR.

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.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012

VA Biomedical Laboratory/Clinical Science Research

Subject: The Veterans Affairs (VA) Department holds a meeting of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board of Endocrinology-A.

Time and Location: 8:00 a.m., Sheraton Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Va.
Contact: LeRoy Frey, 202-443-5674, leroy.frey@va.gov.
HEA Accreditation Issues

Subject: The Education Department's National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity holds a meeting review of accrediting and State agencies seeking a renewal of recognition and a policy discussion on Higher Education Act related accreditation issues and recommendations currently being discussed within the higher education community.

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m., Education Department, Office of Postsecondary Education, 1990 K Street NW, Room 8072, Washington, D.C.

Contact: Carol Griffiths, 202-219-7035, Carol.Griffiths@ed.gov.

Future of the Chemistry Industry

Subject: The American Chemistry Council (ACC) holds a news conference about the future of the chemistry industry in 2013.

Participants: Cal Dooley, President and CEO, American Chemistry Council.

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m., ACC, 700 Second Street NE, Washington, D.C.

Contact: Scott Jensen, 202-249-6511, scott_jensen@americanchemistry.com.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012

Computer Science Education and Jobs (E&S, H)

Subject: Change the Equation hosts a "STEM Salon: Sourcing the C in STEM: Making the Critical Connection Between Computer Science Education and Jobs."

Participants: Alison Derbenwick Miller, Vice President, Oracle Academy and Vice Chair of Computer Science Education Week 2012; Trevor Packer, Senior Vice President, Advanced Placement Program, College Board; Linda Rosen, CEO, Change the Equation; and Chris Stephenson, Executive Director, Computer Science Teachers Association.

Time and Location: 8:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., 1101 K Street, NW, Suite 610A, Washington, D.C.

Contact: RSVP at www.changetheequation.org.

Future of NASA

Subject: The House Science, Space, and Technology Committee holds a hearing on "The Future of NASA: Perspectives on Strategic Vision for America's Space Program."

Witnesses: Former Representative Robert Walker (R-PA); General Ronald Sega, Vice Chair, National Research Council Committee, Strategic Direction, NASA; Marion Blakey, President and CEO, Aerospace Industries Association; Thomas Zurbuchen, Associate Professor, Space Physics Research Laboratory, University of Michigan; and Scott Pace, Director, Space Policy Institute, George Washington University.

Time and Location: 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn HOB.


Future of Affirmative Action

Subject: The Aspen Institute holds a discussion on "The Future of Affirmative Action: In the Courts and the Classroom."


Time and Location: 12:00 p.m., Aspen Institute, 1 Dupont Circle NW, Suite 700, Washington, D.C.


THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2012

VA Biomedical Laboratory/Clinical Science Research

Subject: The Veterans Affairs (VA) Department holds a meeting of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board of Neurobiology-D.

Time and Location: 8:00 a.m., Sheraton Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Va.

Contact: LeRoy Frey, 202-443-5674, Leroy.frey@va.gov.
Veterans Research

**Subject:** The Veterans Affairs (VA) Department holds a meeting of the Clinical Science Research and Development Service Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m., Hamilton Crowne Plaza, 1001 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Grant Huang, 202-443-5700, grant.huang@va.gov.

Research Centers

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) holds a webinar on "The Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers (I/UCRC) Program."

**Participants:** Rathindra DasGupta, Program Director, I/UCRC, NSF; Lawrence Hornak, Program Director, NSF; and Dennis Fortner, Manager, Intellectual Property and Strategic Technology Agreements, Northrop Grumman.

**Time and Location:** 1:00 p.m.


AAAS Meeting

**Subject:** The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion holds a discussion on "Are We Only Our Genes?"

**Participants:** Denis Alexander, Emeritus Director, Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, St. Edmund's College at Cambridge University; and Steve Paulson, Executive Producer and Interviewer, "To the Best of Our Knowledge" radio program.

**Time and Location:** 5:00 p.m., AAAS, 1200 New York Avenue NW, Auditorium, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Earl Lane, 202-326-6431, elane@aaas.org.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2012

None.

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On The Floor This Week

**Senate**

S.3637 – A Bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program

**House**

Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 4310 – National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013

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Bills to Watch

**FY2013 Appropriations**

**House**


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)**

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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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