## 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.

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### Weekly Calendar

**MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013**  
None.

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**TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013**  

**Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee Meeting**  
**Subject:** The National Institutes of Health holds a meeting of the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee to discuss updates and issues related to ASD research and services activities. The event will be available via conference call and webcast.  
**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m., NIH Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Conference Room C and D, Rockville, MD; Conference call at 888-843-7184, Access code: 5279679; Webcast at videocast.nih.gov.  
**Contact:** Lina Perez, 301-443-6040, IACCPublicInquiries@mail.nih.gov

**NSF Science Board Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Subject:** The National Science Foundation will hold a meeting of the National Science Board's Executive Committee to discuss the agenda for its May 2013 meeting.  
**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m., NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.  
**Contact:** Dedric Carter, 703-292-8002. RSVP 24 hours prior to meeting at 703-929-7000, nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov
Higher Education and Job Growth
Subject: The House Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce holds a field hearing in Michigan’s 7th district titled, “Reviving our Economy: The Role of Higher Education in Job Growth and Development” to examine the local economy and job opportunities and highlight how higher education institutions in the community are preparing graduates for the workforce.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., Monroe County Community College, Administration Building Room #173, 155 S, Raisinville Road, Monroe, MI.
Contact: RSVP to Sarah Kuziomko at sarah.kuziomko@mail.house.gov.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013
Congressional Biomedical Research Caucus Meeting
Subject: The Congressional Biomedical Research Caucus and the Coalition for Life Sciences hold a briefing on "Mind Over Matter," on brain-controlled prostheses.
Participants: Krishna Shenoy, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Neurobiology, Stanford University.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m., Rayburn House Office Building, B-340.
Contact: Lynn Marquis, 301-347-9309, clc@coalitionforlifesciences.org.

Asteroids and Meteors
Subject: The House Science, Space, and Technology Committee holds a hearing on "Threats from Space: A Review of U.S. Government Efforts to Track and Mitigate Asteroids and Meteors, Part II."
Witnesses: Ed Lu, Chairman and CEO, B612 Foundation; Donald Yeomans, Manager, Jet Propulsion Laboratory's Near-Earth Objects Program Office; and Michael A'Hearn, Vice-Chair, National Resource Council's Committee to Review Near-Earth Object Surveys and Hazard Mitigation Strategies.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m., 2318 Rayburn House Office Building.
Contact: 202-225-6371, science.house.gov.

STEM Hearing
Subject: The House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education holds a hearing on "Raising the Bar: Reviewing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education in America."
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn House Office Building.
Contact: edworkforce.house.gov.

FY2014 Education Budget Briefing
Subject: The Department of Education hosts a budget briefing to examine the President's proposed FY2014 budget for education.
Time and Location: 1:30 p.m., The Departmental Auditorium, LBJ Building, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC.
Contact: www.ed.gov.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013
AIDS Research Advisory Council Meeting
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., NIH, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 45, Conference Room D, Bethesda, Md.
Contact: Robert Eisinger, 301-496-0357, be4y@nih.gov.
**NASA Meeting**

**Subject:** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration holds a teleconference meeting with the Earth Science Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council to review Earth Science Division Goals and Objectives, and have a discussion of the NASA Data Center Study.

**Time and Location:** 12:30 p.m., Dial-in at 800-857-7040, pass code ESS.

**Contact:** Marian Norris, 202-358-4452, mnorris@nasa.gov.

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**FY2014 Education Budget**

**Subject:** The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Humans Services, Education, and Related Agencies holds an oversight hearing on the President’s proposed FY2014 education budget.

**Witness:** Arne Duncan, Secretary, Department of Education.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn House Office Building.

**Contact:** [http://appropriations.house.gov/subcommittees/subcommittee/?IssueID=34777](http://appropriations.house.gov/subcommittees/subcommittee/?IssueID=34777).

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**FY2014 Budget**

**Subject:** The Senate Budget Committee holds a hearing on President Obama’s Fiscal Year 2014 Budget.

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m., 608 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

**Contact:** [http://www.budget.senate.gov/democratic/index.cfm/committeehearings?ContentRecord_id=7a42bb7a-dff0-4820-a479-7132fb93eced&ContentType_id=14f995b9-dfa5-407a-9d35-56cc7152a7ed&Group_id=d66d31c2-2e75-49fb-a03a-be915cb4550b](http://www.budget.senate.gov/democratic/index.cfm/committeehearings?ContentRecord_id=7a42bb7a-dff0-4820-a479-7132fb93eced&ContentType_id=14f995b9-dfa5-407a-9d35-56cc7152a7ed&Group_id=d66d31c2-2e75-49fb-a03a-be915cb4550b).

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**STEM Education**

**Subject:** *Education Week* holds a webinar titled, “State Networks Propel STEM Education” to examine the approaches STEM organizations in California and Iowa are using to ramp up education in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and the challenges ahead.

**Participants:** Erik Robelen, Associate Editor, *Education Week*; Jeff Weld, Executive Director, Governor’s STEM Advisory Council, IA; and Marcella Klein Williams, Chief Education Officer, California STEM Learning Network.

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register at: [https://vts.inxpo.com/Launch/QReg.htm?ShowKey=13390&partnerref=eblast](https://vts.inxpo.com/Launch/QReg.htm?ShowKey=13390&partnerref=eblast).

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2013**

**NSF Meeting**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation holds a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Geosciences to provide advice, recommendations and oversight concerning support for geosciences research and education, April 11-12.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m., NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA, Stafford I, Room 1235.

**Contact:** RSVP to: Melissa Lane, 703-292-8500.

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**Strengthening STEM Education**

**Subject:** The San Francisco State University holds a briefing on “Evidence -Based Programs: How Universities Can Strengthen Diversity and Communities in STEM” to discuss their groundbreaking evidence-based programs that help students succeed in science, with a particular emphasis giving students from underrepresented minority groups a chance to have exciting research opportunities, both in the lab and through community engagement.

**Participants:** Dr. Martha J. Kantor, Under Secretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education; Dr. Leslie E. Wong, President, SF State; Dr. Cynthia A. Gomez, SF State, Founding Director of the Health Equity Institute; and Dr. Frank Bayliss, Professor Biology Department, SF State.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m., 2168 Rayburn House Office Building.

**Contact:** RSVP required to: Natalia Bremer at nbremer@sfsu.edu.
On The Floor This Week

Senate
Consideration of Patty Schwartz, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit

House
H.R. 678 – Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act
H.R. 1120 – Preventing Greater Uncertainty in Labor-Management Relations Act

Bills to Watch

FY2014 APPROPRIATIONS
S.Con.Res. #  Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 (3/14/13 passed by Senate Budget Committee)

Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 (3/13/13 passed by House Budget Committee)

FY2013 APPROPRIATIONS
H.R.933  Sponsor: Rep. Hal Rogers (R-KY)
Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (3/6/13 passed by House)

Continuing Resolution
FY2013 Continuing Resolution to fund the government until March 27, 2013 (9/22/12 passed by Senate; 9/13/12 passed by House)
Encouraging Innovation and Effective Teachers Act (3/2/12 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

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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