

**AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY  
2024 SCIENCE POLICY COLLOQUIUM  
In-Person Agenda–Public Version  
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**SUNDAY, JUNE 2**

- 6:00 pm-6:45 pm Registration/Reception **(Washington, DC)**
- 6:45 pm-8:30 pm *Dinner/Welcome/Overview (All Colloquium participants)*  
Paul Higgins, associate executive director and senior scientist, AMS

**MONDAY, JUNE 3**

- 7:30 am-7:50 am Breakfast
- 8:00 am-12:00 pm *Policy Fundamentals I*
- 8:00 am-8:30 am Welcome: Politics, policy, and procedure (Paul Higgins)
- 8:30 am-10:00 am *An Overview of Science and Policy*  
Toby Smith, Vice President for Policy, Association of American Universities
- 10:00 am-11:00 am Legislative exercise (Initial group strategy session)
- 11:00 am-12:00 pm David Goldston, Director, Washington Office, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 12:00 pm-12:45 pm Working Lunch (group exercise)
- 12:45 pm-1:30 pm Travel to The United States Senate
- 1:30 pm-2:00 pm Group feedback and discussion
- 2:00 pm-2:30 pm Aaron Goldner, Professional Staff Member, Appropriations Committee, The United States Senate

- 2:30 pm-3:00 pm Jakob Lindaas, Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Martin Heinrich
- 3:00 pm-3:30 pm Break and group work / feedback and discussion
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Alexis Rudd, Deputy Policy Director, Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
- 4:00 pm-4:45 pm AAAS Fellows: Devon Gorbey, Chris Jackson, and Martin Wolf
- 4:45 pm-5:30 pm Open / Group picture

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 4**

- 7:30 am-7:50 am Breakfast
- 8:00 am-12:15 pm *Policy Fundamentals II: The Federal Budget Process*
- 8:00 am-9:00 am Federal Investment in R&D and the Federal Budget Process, Alessandra Zimmermann, Analyst/Writer, R&D Budget and Policy Program, American Association for the Advancement of Science
- 9:00 am-10:15 am Group work / Legislative Exercise
- 10:15 am-11:15 am Grace Hu and Yi Pei, Program Examiners, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President
- 11:15 am-12:15 pm Neil Jacobs, Agency leadership perspective on the budget process, Visiting Senior Policy Fellow, AMS
- 12:15 pm-12:45 pm Lunch
- 12:45 pm-2:15 pm Travel to the House of Representatives
- 2:15 pm-2:45 pm Brent Blevins, Subcommittee Staff Director (Majority), House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
- 2:45 pm-3:15 pm Dahlia Sokolov, Director of Policy, Democratic Staff, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
- 3:15 pm-3:30 pm Break / Open

- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Daniel Dziadon, Environment Subcommittee Staff Director,  
House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Group feedback and discussion
- 4:30 pm-5:00 pm *Return to Metro Center*
- 5:30 pm-8:30 pm Colloquium Reception and Keynote Address
- 5:30 pm-6:15 pm Reception
- 6:15 pm-8:30 pm Dinner and keynote address
- Anjuli Bamzai, President, American Meteorological Society  
Title: "Science, the Pacemaker in My Life: Some Reflections"

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5**

- 7:30 am-7:55 am Breakfast
- 8:00 am-9:00 am Kei Koizumi, Principal Deputy Director for Policy, White  
House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)
- 9:00 am-10:00 am Ana Unruh-Cohen, Senior Director for NEPA, Clean Energy &  
Infrastructure White House Council on Environmental Quality
- 10:00 am-10:30 am Break
- 10:30 am-11:45 am *Fundamentals of Policy Debate and Legislative Process*  
Neil Jacobs, Visiting Senior Policy Fellow, AMS
- 11:45 am-1:00 pm Lunch and legislative group strategy
- 1:00 pm-2:00 pm Kevin Rennert, Fellow; Director, Comprehensive Climate  
Strategies Program; Director, Federal Climate Policy  
Initiative, Resources for the Future
- 2:00 pm-2:45 pm The Role of Industry in Government Programs  
Alberto Conti, Vice President & General Manager of Civil  
Space; Lisa Wood, Senior Director of Civil Space; and  
Evan Petrone, Strategic Development Manager of Civil  
Space, BAE Systems, Inc.

- 2:45 pm-3:00 pm Break
- 3:00 pm-4:00 pm Group Legislative Exercise (*1st degree amendments*)
- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Patricia Gruber Science and Technology Advisor to the Secretary of State

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 6**

- 7:30 am-7:50 am Breakfast
- 8:00 am-12:00 pm *Topics in science and policy*
- 8:00 am-9:00 am Sudip Parikh, CEO, AAAS
- 9:00 am-9:50 am Erica Goldman, Director of Science Policy Entrepreneurship, Federation of American Scientists
- 9:50 am-10:00 am Break
- 10:00 am-11:00 am Kenneth Graham, Director, National Weather Service, NOAA
- 11:00am - 11:30am Anupa Asokan, Founder and Director of Fish On
- 11:30am - 12:00pm Shalini Mohleji, Senior Advisor to the NOAA Administrator, NOAA
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm-2:00 pm Legislative Exercise (*strategy for 2nd degree amendments*)
- 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Group Exercise: Second degree amendments
- 3:30 pm-4:15 pm Jack Kaye, Associate Director for Research, Earth Science Division, NASA (confirmed)
- 4:15 pm-4:30 pm Break / Group exercise (strategy)
- 4:30 pm-5:30 pm *2024 William Hooke Lecture in Science and Society*
- Karen St. Germain, Director, Earth Science Division, Science Mission Directorate, NASA (confirmed)

["The Intersection of Understanding and Policy: Actionable Earth Science"](#)

5:30 pm-8:30 pm Hooke Lecture Reception

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7**

7:30 am-7:50 am Breakfast

8:00 am-9:00 am View from the Arena, Neil Jacobs, Visiting Senior Policy Fellow, AMS

9:00 am-10:00 am David Applegate, Director, United States Geological Survey (USGS)

10:00 am-10:30 am Break/Group Legislative Exercise (*final prep*)

10:30 am-12:15 pm *Group Legislative Exercise--Mock Committee Markup of Weather and Climate Legislation*

12:15 pm-12:45 pm Lunch

12:45 pm-1:30 pm *Group Legislative Exercise (fourth session)--Debate, Votes, and Debrief*

1:30 pm-1:55 pm *In-person wrap-up and next steps (virtual Colloquium, engagement opportunities, and topical working groups)*

1:55 pm-2:00 pm *Concluding Remarks*

2:00 pm *Adjourn*

Note: **we will very likely have three 2-hour virtual colloquium sessions during the remainder of the summer** (these will be recorded when possible for those who cannot attend)

Topics under consideration for virtual events:

- 1) Water and the oceans
- 2) State, local, and international policy engagement

- 3) Official sources of analysis and information: the Congressional Research Services (CRS), the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), and the Government Accountability Office (GAO)
- 4) The role of foundations in society and the policy process