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An opportunity to learn about the application process, what being a AAAS Congressional Science Fellow is like, and if it's the right opportunity for you!

Moderated by Dr. Anja Malawi Brandon, 2020-2021 Congressional Science Fellow

Wednesday, December 8, 2021
3 to 4 pm EST
Virtual Panel Discussion link below

Dr. Sarah Alexander, American Geophysical Union Congressional Science Fellow
Sarah is an interdisciplinary trained geoscientist and engineer with interests in climate, environment, and natural resource policy. Sarah earned a Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering and minor in Life Science Communication from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her interdisciplinary research seeks to develop, communicate, and integrate water resources management strategies into decision-making for improved community resilience to climate variability and change. Sarah has expertise in project management, stakeholder development, and science outreach. She has published policy memos and recently led the policy engagement committee for the Catalysts for Science Policy graduate group. Sarah is an effective collaborator, skilled communicator, and leader passionate about science communication, community adaptation to climate change, environmental justice, and using science-based policy to address critical societal challenges.

Dr. Amanda L. Labrador, Geological Society of America USGS Congressional Science Fellow
Amanda Labrador is a biogeochemist with background in environmental science. During her doctorate at The University of Texas at El Paso, Amanda investigated how microbes facilitate the formation of minerals at salt domes in Earth’s subsurface, which is important for finding natural resources and the search for life beyond Earth. Amanda grew up in the Hispanic border community of El Paso, situated in a semi-arid landscape greatly affected by air pollution and drought. As a leader of local organizations, Amanda learned how inseparable socioeconomics, policy, and science are and to effectively communicate with various audiences. She is interested in the intersection between environmental and social justice through sustainable management of natural resources. Dr. Labrador earned her B.S. in Environmental Sciences - Geosciences from UTEP and her M.S. in Geosciences w/ minor in Biogeochemistry from Penn State.

Dr. Laura Szymanski, American Geological Institute Congressional Science & Engineering Fellow
Laura is an Earth-system scientist with a broad scientific background, specializing in climate change science, and is interested in interdisciplinary approaches to addressing complex environmental problems. Her Ph.D. research modeled soil carbon dynamics and found that ancient carbon stored in soils can contribute to atmospheric carbon dioxide with changes in climate and land disturbance. While pursuing her doctoral studies, Laura served as the Science Policy Fellow for the Geological Society of America (GSA) where she lobbied to Members of Congress on behalf of GSA on topics concerning science-related appropriations and legislation. Dr. Szymanski earned her B.S. in Biology, M.S. in Geography, and Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Wisconsin- Madison.

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