



Twenty-third Annual
Women & Congress Seminar
Session II: March 14-18, 2011

Seminar Schedule

Monday, March 14

*Coalition of Northeastern Governors Policy Research Center, Hall of States,
400 North Capitol St NW, Suite 381 (202-624-5490) ****Bring Photo ID*****

12:30 – 1:00 pm Registration and Introductions

1:00 – 2:00 pm **Welcome to Washington and Networking 101**
Pamela O’Leary, Executive Director, PLEN

2:45 pm *Meet at Rayburn House Office Building 2103*

3:00 – 3:30 pm **Congresswoman Donna Edwards (D-MD)**

3:45 – 4:15 pm **Congresswoman Virginia Foxx (R-NC)**

Tuesday, March 15

Stewart Mott House, 122 Maryland Ave, NE (202-546-3732)

9 – 9:45 am **Running and Winning as a Woman**

Jessica Grounds, Managing Partner and Principal Strategist, Solid Grounds Strategy; Executive Director, Running Start

10:00 – 11:00 am **What your Textbooks Don’t Tell You: How Congress Really Works**

Judy Schneider, Specialist on Congress, Government Division, Congressional Research Service

11:15 am – Noon **Tips on Salary Negotiation**

Alyssa Best, Career Consultant

12:30 – 2:30 pm Visit your Representative’s Office and lunch on your own

3:00 – 4:00 pm **Visit to Democratic National Committee, 400 South Capitol Street, NE**

3:30 – 4:30 pm **Visit to Republican National Committee, 310 First St, SE ****Bring photo ID******

6:00 – 8:00 pm **Dinner Social: We the Pizza, 305 Pennsylvania Ave, SE (optional)**

Wednesday, March 16

8:30 am *Meet PLEN Staff in the lobby of The Carlyle Suites Hotel to pick up House/Senate committee hearing schedule*

9:00 am – 12:00 pm **Congressional Hearing of Your Choice (See List) and Preparation for Committee Hearing Simulation on the Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 3772)**

IMPORTANT: This will help prepare you for your role in the congressional hearing simulation tomorrow.

12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch on your own

1:15 pm *Meet at the Capitol Historical Society, 200 Maryland Ave, NE (202-543-8919)*

1:30 – 2:15 pm **Women and Careers in the U.S. Senate**

Randi Reid, Legislative Director, Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY)

Tasha Patusky, Legislative Assistant, Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA)

2:30 – 3:30 pm **Arguments For/Against Paycheck Fairness Act**

Lara Kaufmann, Senior Counsel, Education and Employment, National Women’s Law Center

Michael Eastman, Director, Labor Law Policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

- 3:30 – 4:30 pm **Workshop: Becoming an Effective Advocate Workshop**
Anne Darconte, PLEN Corporate Advisory Council Member
Camie Corrigan, Associate Director, Legislative Advocacy, National Association of Children's Hospitals
- 6:00 pm **Optional Tour of Washington Monuments**
Meet PLEN Intern, Chelsea Person at the top the Smithsonian Metro Station escalators on the Washington Mall. You may reach Chelsea at 757-218-6850.

Thursday, March 17

- 8:45 am **Meet at Ford House Office Building H2 396**
- 9:00 – 10:00 am **Women and Careers in the U.S. House of Representatives**
Brooke Shupe, Legislative Assistant, House Small Business Committee
Cassandra Young-McClenny, Legislative Director, Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II (D-MO); PLEN Alumna, Women & Public Policy Summer Internship 2004
- 10:15 – 11:15 am **Workshop: Resume Advice from Women on Capitol Hill **Bring your resumes****
Abigail Collazo
Linda Forman, Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Chris Murphy (D-CT)
Carolyn Hughes, Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA)
Jennifer Taylor, Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME)
***Davida Walsh**, Counsel/Senior Policy Adviser, Office of Elijah Cummings (D-MD)
- 11:30 – 12:15 pm Lunch on your own in Rayburn Cafeteria
- 12:30 – 1:00 pm **Meet at 2336 Rayburn House Office Building**
Congresswoman Corrine Brown (D-FL)
- 2:00 – 2:30 pm **Meet at 216 Cannon House Office Building**
Congresswoman Sandra Adams (R-FL)
- 2:30 – 4:30 pm *Break and Prepare for Mock Congressional Hearing*
- 5:00 pm **Meet at Rayburn House Office Building Room 2325**
Dinner (Pizza & Sodas)
- 6:00 - 8:00 pm **Congressional Committee Hearing Simulation**
****Come prepared to act as a committee member or a witness testifying on the Paycheck Fairness Act (S.3772)****
Chaired by: Lisa Maatz, Director, Public Policy and Government Relations, American Association of University Women

Friday, March 18

- Stewart Mott House, 122 Maryland Ave, NE**
- 9:00 am *Check out of hotel (You may leave bags at the hotel, or bring them with you)*
- 10:00 – 10:45 am **Discussion and Debriefing**
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Reception with Women's Research & Education Institute (WREI) Fellows & Policy Professionals**
Susan Scanlan, President, WREI
Susan Cha, WREI Fellow, Office of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)
Julie Feeney, WREI Fellow, Office of Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)
Natalie Khalatov-Krimnus, WREI Fellow, Office of Congresswoman Lois Capps (D-CA)
Carmen Orozco-Acosta, WREI Fellow, Congresswoman Karen Bass (D-CA)
Jennifer Paquette, National Fundraising and Political Consultant
Carla Reed, Human Resources Assistant, America's Promise Alliance
Elizabeth Zagar, Regional Sales Director, HealthECareers