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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

- 1. Name of Traveler: Naomi Fecher-Davis
- 2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
- b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
- 3. a. Dates: Departure: 08/26/2022 Return: 08/28/2022
- b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
- 4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Charlottesville, VA Return City: Washington, DC
- 5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Aspen Institute

6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:

see attached agenda

- 7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.

8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda.

Signify statement is true by checking the box.

b. If not, explain:

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Traveler: *[Signature]* Date: 08/31/2022

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Brendan F. Boyle Date: 08/31/2022

Signature of Supervising Member: *[Signature]*



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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within ten days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: _____
2. Travel Destination(s): _____
3. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): _____

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler				
Accompanying Family Member				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: *M. J. [Signature]* Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

- I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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TRAVELER FORM

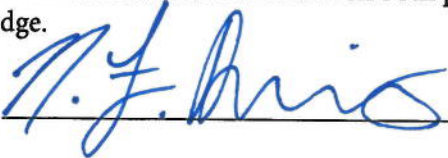
This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. This form and any attachments may be delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth or e-mailed to travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Naomi Fecher-Davis

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I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Office of Congressman Brendan F. Boyle

Office Address: 1133 Longworth House Office Building

Telephone Number: 2022256111

Email Address of Contact Person: naomi.fecher-davis@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via e-mail: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.



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1. Name of Traveler: Naomi Fecher-Davis
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Aspen Institute (Socrates Program)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Charlottesville, VA
4. a. Date of Departure: August 26, 2022 Date of Return: August 28, 2022
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? If yes:
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
(2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:
6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

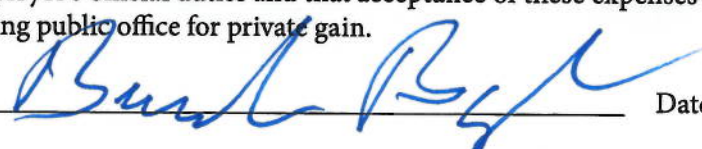
7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties.
Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
As the Legislative Correspondent for a member of Congress, I believe that participating in this program will allow me to gain knowledge on others' points of view. I also believe that from this trip I will learn more about the challenges that Congress faces and how to better communicate with constituents.
9. Yes No **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member  Date 7/27/22



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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: **OR**
 - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: **OR**
 - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: _____ Date of return: _____
7. a. City of departure: _____
b. Destination(s): _____
c. City of return: _____
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box; OR*
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation.
If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided):
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*



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18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee			
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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19. **Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable*. Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify by my signature that

- a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
- b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
- c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ *Meliot Gern* _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

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More information and forms available at ethics.house.gov



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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation.

Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: The Aspen Institute Socrates Program
2. Name of your organization: Democracy Fund
3. Yes No Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes No Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:
 - a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
 - b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
Destination: _____ on Date: _____
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
 - c. Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. **Check only one:**
 - a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
 - b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. I certify by my signature that
 - a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
 - b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
 - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Robin Thompson Digitally signed by Robin Thompson
Date: 2022.07.22 11:31:02 -04'00' Date: 07/22/2022

Name: Robin Thompson Title: Treasurer

Organization: Democracy Fund

Address: 1200 17th St NW, Suite 300 Washington DC 20036

Email: rthompson@democracyfund.org Telephone: (202) 420-7900



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INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Additional Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the forms directly to the Primary Trip Sponsor.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

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Washington, DC 20515

August 22, 2022

Ms. Naomi Fecher-Davis
Office of the Honorable Brendan F. Boyle
1133 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Fecher-Davis:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Charlottesville, Virginia, scheduled for August 26 to 28, 2022, sponsored by Aspen Institute, Inc., and Democracy Fund.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$415 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman



Michael Guest
Acting Ranking Member

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Dear Participant.,

I am pleased to let you know that you have been selected to participate in the Emerging Governance Leaders Seminar Series at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello located in Charlottesville, Virginia from August 26 – 28, 2022.

The Socrates Program will provide shuttles departing from Capitol Hill to Monticello on Friday, August 26th at 5:00 p.m. and returning on Sunday, August 28th at 2:30 p.m. Should you accept attendance, it is required that you participate through the duration of the seminar. Your lodging and meals will be paid for by the Aspen Institute Socrates Program. Under the ethics rules, no expenses are provided for entertainment or recreation. To reserve space on the shuttle, please complete the [registration form](#).

This seminar is designed for the educational benefit of a bipartisan, bicameral group of Congressional staff focusing on the foundations of Congress and its role in the nation's governance. Our purpose is education, not advocacy. To participate, you will need to submit the requisite travel forms and secure approval from the Ethics Committee. Attached to this email, you will find the ethics packet which contains the (1) completed primary trip sponsor form and (2) the program agenda.

Please submit all required documentation to the Ethics Committee by Monday, July 25th, 2022:

- (1) Primary Trip Sponsor Form (2) Agenda and (3) Invitation** (all provided by the Aspen Institute) and **(4) Traveler Form**, (available on the Ethics website, <https://ethics.house.gov/forms/travel>) due by **Monday, July 25th, 2022. Travel forms must be submitted to the Ethics Committee no later than thirty days before travel commences or you will not be eligible to attend.**

COVID-19 Safety Policy

Aspen Institute Covid Policy requires all participants show proof of vaccination. Please be sure to input your information into the ReturnSafe app as outlined in the attachment by COB, August 20th.

Here are a few additional items to facilitate your planning:

Lodging – participants will all be staying at [200 South Street Inn](#) in Charlottesville, Virginia. To secure your housing, please ensure you have completed the [registration form](#). If you have any questions regarding logistics and travel, please feel free to call Socrates Program Coordinator, [Arielle Lyons](#) at 970-618-4020

Seminar materials – the seminar readings (PDFs), schedule, and arrival details will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks before the seminar. Note: a summary of the seminar topic and moderator biography are attached.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Carter, II', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cordell Carter, II | [The Aspen Institute](#)
Director, [Socrates Program](#)
2300 N St. NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20037



Emerging Governance Leaders Seminar

Leadership & the Role of Congress

Seminar will be moderated by Dr. Colleen Shogan
(Dr. Shogan will moderate all program sessions and meal time discussions)

Seminar Weekend Schedule

August 26th – 28th

Monticello

Charlottesville Virginia, Virginia

Seminar Location: Montalto

This weekend seminar will focus on three aspects: 1) developing skills that are applicable to the legislative body; 2) building informal networks that are key to career advancement and support; and 3) provide participants access to a range of Aspen Institute programming. This opportunity will provide staffers and those interested in government careers with experiences and tools to help them thrive in their current roles and better position themselves for longer, more impactful careers in the U.S. Congress.

Friday, August 26th

5:00 p.m.	Shuttle departure from Capitol Hill
7:30 p.m.	Shuttle arrives in Charlottesville
7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	Seminar Check-In & Reception <i>200 South Street</i>
8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Socrates Opening Dinner and Program <i>200 South Street</i>

Conversation will consider the governance challenges of Congress, exploring what resources and knowledge inform Congress and how technology and changing norms of representation are affecting governance.

Saturday, August 27th

7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast
Montalto – Dining Room

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

(Break 10:30 a.m. –
10:45 a.m.)

Seminar Session I: The Evolution of Congress: How Did We Get Here?

Board Room

Seminar discussions are based on the following texts and videos:

Origins

- Hamilton / Madison, *The Federalist Papers* “No. 57” and “No. 63”
- Nelson Polsby, *How Congress Evolves*, “Causes of Liberalization” and “Overview of the House” pp. 80-96 and 148-155
- Barbara Sinclair, *Congress Reconsidered*, “The New World of U.S. Senators” 11th edition, pp. 1-4

What Does It Mean to Represent? Mr. Smith versus Charlie Wilson

- “Mr. Smith Goes To Washington” [movie clip](#). 1939
- “Charlie Wilson’s War” [movie clip](#). 2007
- Note: Brief movie clips are shown specifically for discussion purposes around the subject matter of working in Washington and to guide discussion (not for entertainment purposes)

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Working Lunch with Discussion of Seminar Session I
Montalto – Dining Room

Conversation will consider the evolution of Congress and what it means to represent.

12:45 p.m. -- 1:45 p.m.

Historical Educational Tour of Monticello
Add sentence about overall theme of seminar

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(Break 3:30 p.m. -
3:45 p.m.)

Seminar Session II: Congress and Its Governance Challenges
Board Room

Congressional Incentives and Disincentives

- Matthew Glassman, “[Why Congress Doesn’t Always Do The Right Thing](#),” *The New York Times*, February 7, 2018

Governance Challenges for Congress

- Molly Reynolds, “[Improving congressional capacity to address problems and oversee the executive branch](#),” The Brookings Institution, December 4, 2019
- John Rackey, Lauren Bell, and Kevin Kosar, “[House committees are hearing from fewer witnesses. That hurts policy](#),” *The Washington Post*, January 28, 2022
- Josh Huder, “[Rest in Peae Congressional Budget Process](#),” Georgetown’s Government Affairs Institute (GAI) blog, June 6, 2022

Technology and Changing Norms of Representation

- Grace Gedye, “[How Congress Got Dumb on Tech – and How It Can Get Smart Again](#),” *Washington Monthly*, April 7, 2019

Is Congress a Dysfunctional Place to Work?

- Paul Hanges, Frances Lee, Kristina Miller, Jennifer Wessel, “Report on the Organizational Climate of Congress.” University of Maryland, October 2019, pp. 9-20 and 46-56
- Amissa Ratliff, Jamie Neikrie, and Michael Beckel, “[Why Congress Needs to Invest in Junior Staff](#),” Issue One Report, January 25, 2022
- Maya Kornberg, “[The People’s Branch](#),” Leg Branch Blog, October 16, 2021
- Brad Korten, “[For many Capitol Hill staffers, the trauma of Jan. 6 has never left](#),” Roll Call, January 6, 2022

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Reception

Montalto Parlor and Dining Room

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner with Discussion of Seminar Session II

Dining Room and Conservatory

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Fireside Chat

Conservatory

Moderated by **Cordell Carter**

Sunday, August 28th

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast
Dining Room & Conservatory

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Seminar Session III: Congressional Reform: Ideas and Challenges

(Break 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.)

Board Room

Reform Proposals

- Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, “Recommendations for [116th](#) and [117th](#) Congress”
- “[Building and Maintaining a Diverse and Inclusive Congressional Office](#),” Representative Democracy, pp. 13-28
- Molly Reynolds, “[What is the Senate filibuster and what would it take to eliminate it?](#)” The Brookings Institution, September 9, 2020
- Yuval Levin, “[Building a More Civil and Collaborative Culture in Congress: Some Diagnostic and Prescriptive Reflections](#),” American Enterprise Institute, June 17, 2021
- Darrell M. West, “[Is it time to restore the US Office of Technology Assessment?](#)” Brookings Institution, February 10, 2021
- “[Resolution Fact Sheet](#),” Congressional Workers Union, May 9, 2022

12:00 p.m.

Check-Out

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Working Lunch with Discussion of Seminar III

Conservatory

Conversation will consider the Articles 1 and 2 of the Constitution, and how foundations of the U.S. government inform and influence the role of Congress today.

1:00 p.m.

Shuttle departs for Capitol Hill

3:00 p.m.

Shuttle drops off participants



Appendix to the Primary Trip Sponsor Form

Question 4: Participant List

The following participants were selected because they are bipartisan, emerging leaders equipped to convene and engage in non-partisan dialogue on leadership and the role of Congress.

Jasmin Aleman

Financial Services Legislative Assistant

Office of Representative Ritchie Torres (NY-15)

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Question 12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip
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The Aspen Institute Socrates Program received general, unrestricted funding from the Democracy Fund to support the Socrates Program. The funding was not earmarked for this trip. Democracy Fund did not play a role in organizing or planning the conference, including, but not limited to the content, agenda, moderators, attendees, or other logistics.



**2022 Emerging Governance Leaders
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Jasmin Aleman

Financial Services Legislative Assistant | Congressman Ritchie Torres



Jasmin Aleman was born and raised in the Coachella Valley, California and graduated from the University of California Santa Cruz. She has always had a passion for public service and has been working on Capitol Hill for five years. She worked for Congressman Raul Ruiz, Former Congresswoman Katie Hill, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, and now currently works for Congressman Ritchie Torres as his financial services legislative assistant.

Prerna Bhat

Climate, Energy, and Environmental Policy Legislative Aide | Senator Elizabeth Warren

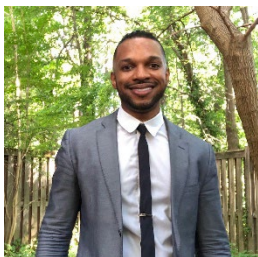


Prerna Bhat is an Austin, Texas native currently serving as the climate, energy, and environmental policy legislative aide for Senator Elizabeth Warren. Prior to her current role, Prerna interned at the White House Council on Environmental Quality, and before that served as Deputy AAPI Coalitions Director for the Democratic Party of Georgia's Coordinated Campaign for the Senate Runoff elections and as AAPI Constituency Organizer for the Texas Democratic Party / Biden Coordinated Campaign in Texas, working to build coalitions with local and national stakeholders and increase political engagement of underrepresented communities.

Prerna received her AB in Organismic and Evolutionary Biology at Harvard College, and spent a year as a Harvard Postgraduate Traveling Fellow investigating the intersection of sustainable cacao and vanilla production with community-led wildlife conservation in Madagascar and Malaysia. She subsequently received her Master of Environmental Management degree from the Yale School of the Environment, where she studied conservation planning as well as climate communication.

Jonathan Briggs

Policy Manager | America Forward



Jonathan Briggs is the policy manager at America Forward, a nonpartisan policy initiative of New Profit, a national venture philanthropy fund that seeks to break down the barriers between all people and opportunity in America. Prior to joining America Forward Jonathan served as a Leadership for Educational Equity (LEE) Fellow and Education Program Specialist at the U.S. Department of Education (ED) where he co-managed a portfolio of discretionary grant awardees in the Office of Program and Grantee Support Services. Prior to working at ED Jon served as a Legislative Fellow and Acting Legislative Assistant in the Office of Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge where he focused on education health employment higher education labor and civil rights policy. He started as a teacher where he taught

5th grade (all subjects) and Guided Reading as a 2013 Teach for America - Kansas City Corps member. Jonathan holds a BA from National Louis University, a Master of Science in Education from Johns Hopkins University and a graduate certificate in Urban Education and Leadership from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

LaJoia Broughton

Government Affairs Advisor | Adams and Reese



From developing communication initiatives and marketing collateral to overseeing internal and external communication strategies, LaJoia Broughton has 15+ years of experience in engaging stakeholders and driving influential change. As a Government Relations Advisor at Adams and Reese LLP, LaJoia has earned a reputation as an innovative and accomplished government affairs leader.

In her role at Adams and Reese, she develops and implements comprehensive legislative strategies and collaborates with other lobbyists, elected officials, civil servants, and stakeholders on client issues. She prides her accomplishments in part due to previous experience as a State Government Affairs Manager for JUUL Labs and a Director of External Communications for the Retirement System Investment Commission. She also served as the Executive Director for the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus where she advocated with key stakeholders to implement strategies and solutions to advance the legislative agenda. Additionally, LaJoia has led as a political consultant for several successful campaigns and served as the South Carolina State Director for Deval Patrick's 2020 Presidential Campaign.

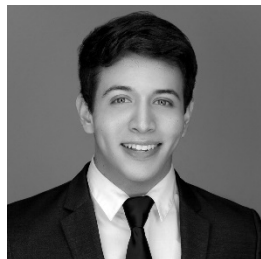
LaJoia has been recognized by numerous organizations for her leadership and service, including the Riley Institute Diversity Leaders Initiative and earning the Governor-appointed role of Columbia Metropolitan Airport Commissioner. As a strategic thinker and distinguished community member, she serves in numerous service organizations from the National Black Empowerment Council to the Junior League of Columbia to the South Carolina Ports Authority Ambassador Program.

LaJoia earned a Master of Mass Communications degree from the University of South Carolina and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from Furman University. She has also completed an Executive Management Program from the Robbins School of Business at the University of Richmond and earned a Certificate in Investment Foundation Program and an American Management Association Certificate in Marketing.

The guiding principles that have sustained her through the years are leadership, accountability, communication, and ambition.

Matthew Diaz

Staff Assistant | The White House, Executive Office of the President



Matthew grew up hearing the stories of how his family fled terrorism in Peru, and it motivated him to join public service as an advocate for immigrant and refugee rights. He graduated from the University of Florida, one of 25 students inducted into its 2020 Hall of Fame for his campus advocacy. He was deeply involved with grassroots lobbying and community organizing. Post-graduation, he joined Amnesty International's Florida Leadership Team and helped manage their state legislative initiatives.

In 2021, Matthew joined the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute as a Public Policy Fellow. He split his fellowship between the Senate Judiciary Committee and the United Nations, where he was able to conduct research and further immerse himself in the national and international policymaking process. As of August 2022, Matthew is a political appointee in the Biden-Harris White House, where he will further explore his passions for public administration, law, and policy.

Naomi Fecher-Davis

Legislative Correspondent | Congressman Brendan F. Boyle



I was born and raised in Philadelphia and am a 2020 graduate of Syracuse University. I work as Congressman Brendan F. Boyle's Legislative Correspondent, representing my home city. I recently took over the Veterans and Animal Welfare portfolios. In my free time, I enjoy exploring DC and going down the Shore.

Jared English

Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) | U.S. Attorney's Office – Washington D.C.



Jared received B.A.s in Finance and in International Relations from Michigan State University in 2004. He also received his Master's of Science in International Political Economy and a PhD in International Relations from the London School of Economics. After completing his PhD in 2009, Jared received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2013. After graduating from law school, Jared clerked in Chicago, Illinois for the Honorable Ann Claire Williams on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Upon completing his clerkship, Jared worked in the Washington, D.C. office of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP (WilmerHale), representing clients, both domestically and internationally, in government investigations, criminal prosecutions, crisis management, and strategic response. Jared joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in D.C. in January 2020 and currently prosecutes serious violent crimes.

Ebenezer Gyasi

JAG Attorney | U.S. Navy



A Native of Newark, NJ, Lieutenant Ebenezer Gyasi currently serves on active duty with the United States Navy in San Diego. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in history and philosophy, with a concentration in leadership studies, from Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

Following graduation, Lieutenant Gyasi worked in public education for a total of 3 years. 2 with Teach For America, teaching middle school math in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and 1 working as a college counselor at Pritzker College Prep on Chicago's Northwest side.

Lieutenant Gyasi earned his Juris Doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania Law School in May of 2019 and is sworn in as a member of the New Jersey bar. During law school, he interned at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey, worked as a summer associate in the New York and Chicago offices of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, and worked as a law clerk on the Permanent Subcommittee for Investigations as part of the United States Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee.

Mandar Jadhav

Policy Advisor | Senator Bill Cassidy



Mandar Jadhav, MD is a Policy Advisor in the DC office of Louisiana Senator Dr. Bill Cassidy. He works on the Senator's mental health and dual-eligibles policy priorities. Dr. Jadhav also volunteers as a member of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Foundation for Psychiatry, of the Council on Children, Adolescents & their Families at the American Psychiatric Association, and on the Extended Executive Committee of the Indo-American Psychiatric Association. Dr. Jadhav is a graduate of Rutgers University and Ross University School of Medicine. He trained in Psychiatry at Penn State Health, and specialized in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins. His long-term goal is to positively transform the mental health care system to better serve all Americans.

Megan Kosai

Legislative Intern, Undergraduate Student | Congresswoman Norma Torres (Spring 2022 Intern)



Hello! My name is Megan Kosai (she/her) and I am a rising senior at the University of California, Irvine, studying Social Ecology and Computer Science. I'm interested in working on issues related to immigration, transportation, and assistive technology. I was a legislative intern in Congresswoman Norma Torres's D.C. office and hope to pursue a career on the hill post graduation. I come to legislative work through a research background, specifically in technology and public health. At UC Irvine, I am a computer science analyst where I design accessibility features for blind and low vision individuals. Over the past year, I have been developing an undergraduate assistive

technology course and will be co-teaching it this Fall. My prior policy experience focused on liver cancer and Hepatitis B, when I was a researcher at Stanford University's Asian Liver Center. Through this position, I implemented free screening and vaccination sites, spearheaded a campaign with Jollibee, and conducted qualitative research.

I conduct this work through an equity-minded lens as a half-Japanese, half-Mexican, second generation, working class woman. I understand the importance of inclusive representation when creating policy and hope to honor the histories of my communicates through my work. This year, I was part of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies National Leadership Academy, named a National Hispanic Scholar, selected as the Public Service Fellow for the University of California, and served as a delegate for the University of California Students of Color Conference. This upcoming year, I will be completing an international relations certificate at Sciences Po Paris and graduating in the spring of 2023.

Charlotte Laracy

Communications Director | Office of Rep. Mikie Sherrill



My name is Charlotte and I am the communications director for Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill (NJ-11). I was previously the communications director for the Problem Solvers Caucus and press secretary for Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28). I graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 2018.

I am currently living in Washington, D.C. and, enjoying all the excitement and news that goes with it. In my free time, you can find me running along the Anacostia River, trying a new restaurant, or drinking a nice IPA.

Juan Manuel Martinez

Manager, Program Partnerships | Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute



Juan Manuel Martinez was born and raised in Idaho to Mexican Immigrants. Juan Manuel came to Washington, DC as a Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) intern. Throughout his career, he has worked on Capitol Hill and in several government relations positions advocating for labor rights, immigration, and transportation and infrastructure. Currently, Juan Manuel is working with CHCI as their Manager of Program Partnerships, maintaining CHCI's Programs relationships with Congressional Offices, Federal Agencies, and the Private Sector.

Jude Massad

Special Programs Associate | Thomson Reuters Special Services



Jude is an Associate of Innovation and Special Programs at Thomson Reuters Special Services. In her role, she works closely with government, private sector, and non-profit organizations to develop and implement innovative solutions to complex customer challenges. Jude is adept at providing data-driven actionable insights to help clients prevent and respond to emerging national security threats.

Through her professional experiences at the US House of Representatives and San Jose City Council, Jude uncovered a passion for public service and the ability to integrate new ideas to improve communities. Through her various roles at ACT for the Disappeared, Human Rights Watch, and the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Jude became skilled at using data to analyze and prevent human rights violations around the world. Jude is the recipient of several awards including the 2022 Anti-Corruption TechSprint Jump Award, the 2020 Thomson Reuters Collaboration Award, and the 2016 Harvard WorldMUN Diplomacy Award. Jude holds an M.A. in Conflict Resolution from Georgetown University and a B.A. in Political Science, Human Rights, and Transitional Justice from the American University of Beirut. She is fluent in English, Arabic, and French.

Joe Suh

Information Technology Auditor | U.S. Government Accountability Office



Joe Suh, born in Los Angeles, Calif., is Information Technology Auditor within the Information Technology and Cybersecurity mission team of the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Joe joined the Federal Government as Presidential Management Fellow with the U.S. Department of Education, and served with the U.S. Small Business Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, and Executive Office of the President. Prior to Federal service, Joe began his career as elementary, middle, and high school Mathematics Teacher with Teach For America in Detroit, Mich., and UNICEF USA Fellow with the United Nations Children’s Fund in New York, N.Y. Most recently, Joe was Fellow and Design Researcher with IDEO, Civic Digital Fellow and Product Manager with the U.S. General Services Administration, City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Board Member, and WMATA Riders’ Advisory Council Program, Projects, and Planning Committee Chairman.

Joe Suh is a computer science master’s degree candidate from the University of Pennsylvania, where he served as Council Chair on the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly and the University Council Steering Committee. Joe graduated with a policy master’s degree from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Southern California as Coca-Cola National Scholar, Horatio Alger Association Scholar, and Warren Christopher Scholar. Joe is a Project Management Professional (PMP) and a Certified ScrumMaster (CSM) who enjoys massive open online courses (MOOCs) and the Great Outdoors,

and is an aspiring World Marathon Majors Six Star Finisher training for his seventh marathon and first Ironman.

Teesha Trapp

Budget Analyst | SC House of Representatives, Ways & Means



Teesha Trapp recently joined the staff for the South Carolina House of Representatives (House) as a Budget Analyst for its Ways and Means committee after touring South Carolina state government as an “audigator” working at various state agencies over the past 17 years. Her experiences as both an auditor and investigator (“audigator”) contribute to her ability to analyze budget requests and legislative policies for members of the House in their capacity to make informative decisions in balancing the State’s annual budget and enacting laws.

Teesha is a first-generation graduate of Columbia College, formerly an all-women’s college in Columbia, South Carolina, and enjoys opportunities to broaden the possibilities for future generations. Teesha volunteered for more than 20 years in working with the youth at her home church, New Covenant Assembly, as a teacher, choir director, and youth programs director. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, small-scale travel and listening to instrumental music. One of her long-term aspirations is to become a gospel jazz flautist.

Matthew Philip Wee

Senior Event Program Planner | Human Domain Solutions (Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Studies)



Matthew Philip Wee is originally from Redwood City, California. In 2000, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He attended Recruit Training in Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, in July 2001. Upon graduation in October 2001, he attended follow-on training schools, including Marine Combat Training in Camp Pendleton, California, and Personnel Clerk’s course in Camp Johnson, North Carolina, in November 2001. After graduation in January 2002, he transferred to Camp Pendleton, California, for service with Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, as a Personnel Specialist. While with the 1st Marine Division, he served as Camp Guard, deployed to Iraq in 2004, and supported over 1,000 Marines with training, pay, and personnel issues.

In May 2005, Matthew transferred to Headquarters Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California. During his time in San Diego, he supported over 1,000 Marines in travel and entitlements as a Personnel Specialist. Additionally, he performed over 200 Color Guard and Funeral events as part of the Depot Ceremonial Platoon. In May 2009, Matthew graduated from the Basic Security Guard school in Marine Corps Security Force Training Company, Chesapeake, Virginia, and transferred to the Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team Company Central Command, Marine Corps Security Force Regiment Manama, Bahrain, in June 2009. While in Bahrain, he

conducted, organized, and deployed Marines for training and worldwide operations, including the Bahrain Uprising in 2011.

In March 2012, he transferred to Marine Forces Europe, Stuttgart, Germany as an Assistant Personnel Program Coordinator. He supervised the travel section, processing pay and entitlements supporting the Georgian Deployment Program. Additionally, he received training in preparation for his next duty assignment. In May 2013, he transferred to the Office of Security Cooperation, United States Africa Command, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso as a Security Cooperation Administrative Specialist. He supported the Africa Command mission at this unit. Additionally, he managed foreign military sales cases, training programs, security-assistance programs, and security cooperation administration.

In May 2015, Matthew transferred to Marine Attack Squadron 542, Marine Aircraft Group 14, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina as an Administrative Supervisor. While with this unit, he supervised and coordinated all clerical and administrative support, including the Defense Travel System, Government Travel Charge Card, Mail Room, and managerial processes. Matthew also traveled to Japan and Norway. In June 2018, Matthew transferred to the International Affairs Branch, Headquarters Marine Corps, Pentagon, Washington, D. C., to serve as a Foreign Area Staff Non-Commissioned Officer in In-Training. He studied regional politics, history, culture, emerging security challenges, and sources of regional instability in the African region.

In May 2019, he transferred to Marine Corps Security Cooperation Group, Fort Story, Virginia as a Foreign Affairs Administrative Analyst. He provided professional language, regional expertise, and cultural capabilities within the Africa Command region. In May 2021, he started hiring our Heroes Skill Bridge program with My Sales Platoon, learning about the administrative sales business process. Additionally, he accepted an internship with the Hampton Roads Veteran Employment Center supporting services for transitioning service members, veterans, and military spouses. Matthew transitioned from Active-Duty service to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve after 20 years in the United States Marine Corps at the end of July 2021.

In July 2021, Matthew received the opportunity to begin the HillVets House Fellowship. From October 2021 to July 2022, Matthew completed a HillVets House Defense Fellow for Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland, Washington, 10th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. In August 2022, Matthew started as the Senior Events Planning Manager for Human Domain Solutions, supporting ACT-1 in the Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Studies, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. Matthew possesses Veteran Affairs, Foreign Affairs, and Defense knowledge, including Security Cooperation and Security Assistance. An advocate for service members, their families, and veterans through multiple volunteer events. He earned his Master of Business Administration degree from the University of the People in 2021.