

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: Edwin Kindler
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** ☒ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: July 29 Return: August 1
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** ☒ None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Santa Fe, NM Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: _____
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: _____
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: Edwin Kindler Date: 08/12/26

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: Bill Foster Date: 08/12/26

Signature of Supervising Member: Bill Foster

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☐ Original ☐ Amendment

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 in the trip within 10 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 or provided in-kind support 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:  Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

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

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Edwin Kindler
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Center for Strategic and International Studies
Raymond Frankel Foundation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Santa Fe, NM
4. a. Date of Departure: 7/29/26 Date of Return: 8/1/26
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, invitation, 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.**
My job title is Senior Legislative Assistant, and my portfolio includes nuclear security and non-proliferation issues, which are key issues covered by the trip.

9. **Yes ☐ No ☒ Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in 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: Bill Foster Date: 7/25/26

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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's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Center for Strategic and International Studies, PONI

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, services, or in-kind assistance 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: Raymond Frankel Foundation

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): See addendum

5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: July 29 Date of Return: August 1

7. a. City of departure: Washington DC

b. Destination(s): Albuquerque, NM

c. City of return: Washington DC

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. _____

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 the statement is true by clicking the 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:

See addendum

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 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): 80

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See addendum

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza City: Santa Fe, NM Cost Per Night: 249

Reason(s) for Selecting: Centrally located, least expensive option, standard lodging used by visitors to Los Alamos National Laboratory

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.*

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

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$535	\$498	\$160
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$0	\$0	\$0

	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	\$100	Shuttle/uber to and from airport
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$0	\$0

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:  Date: June 10, 2026
Name: Joseph Rodgers Title: Deputy Director and Fellow
Organization: Project on Nuclear Issues
Address: 1616 Rhode Island Avenue, Washington DC, 20036
Email: JRodgers@csis.org Telephone: 202-741-3927

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

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July 21, 2026

Mr. Edwin Kindler
Office of the Honorable Bill Foster
2366 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Kindler:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico, scheduled for July 29 to August 1, 2026, sponsored by Center for Strategic and International Studies and Raymond Frankel Foundation.

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 \$525 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,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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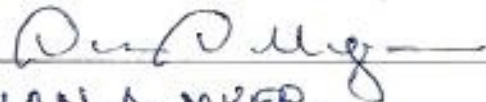
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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: Center for Strategic and International Studies
2. Name of your organization: The Raymond Frankel Foundation
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: Los Alamos National Laboratory (I on Date: July 29-31 (or return August 1)
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:  Date: 5.26.26
Name: ALLAN A. MYER Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Organization: RAYMOND FRANKEL FOUNDATION
Address: 96 N. WACKER DRIVE CHICAGO IL 60606 (Suite 3500)
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If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travelrequests@mail.house.gov.

Addendum to the Primary Sponsor Form

CSIS PONI Congressional Fellowship Site Visit to LANL

July 30-31, 2026

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)

Sal Borgognone is the Defense Fellow to Majority Leader Steve Scalise, supporting his Defense, Foreign Affairs, Veterans Affairs, and Science, Space, and Technology Portfolios.

Rafaello J. Carone is a senior congressional staffer serving as Communications Director and Senior Policy Advisor to a senior Member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Emma Consoli is a Legislative Assistant in the office of Congressman Derek Tran, covering the Congressman's House Armed Services Committee work, Foreign Policy, Energy, and several other issues. Emma has served on Capitol Hill for four years, working her way up from intern to Legislative Assistant

Edyt Dickstein is a Professional Staff Member with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, where she oversees the Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Treasury's Office of Intelligence and Analysis, and Department of Energy's Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence for the minority.

Danielle Greco is a fellow on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, supporting the Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific.

Edwin Kindler is a Senior Legislative Assistant in the office of Rep. Bill Foster (IL-11), covering nuclear security, artificial intelligence, science, technology, and energy issues for the Congressman.

Elizabeth (Libby) Kos is a Military Legislative Assistant for Rep. Maggie Goodlander (NH-02).

Austin Richards serves as a Research Assistant for the House Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Intelligence & Special Operations and Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, where he supports oversight and policy initiatives related to national security, defense strategy, and emerging threats.

Victoria Rivas is the National Security Advisor for House Democratic Caucus Chair Pete Aguilar and focuses on national security, foreign affairs, and immigration policy.

Explanation: Selected as a 2026 CSIS PONI Congressional Fellow. The site visit to Los Alamos National Laboratory is a core programmatic component of the fellowship, designed to give

congressional staff working on nuclear policy direct exposure to the U.S. nuclear weapons complex, active and historic NNSA facilities, and senior lab leadership, in furtherance of their professional responsibilities and policy expertise. The following individuals have been invited as participants in the CSIS PONI Mid-Career Congressional Fellowship cohort (Class of 2026). Each was selected through CSIS PONI's competitive application process as a senior congressional staffer working on nuclear, defense, or national security policy, and each is being invited to the LANL site visit in their capacity as a current PONI Congressional Fellow.

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:

Project on Nuclear Issues/CSIS: CSIS is a bipartisan, non-profit policy research institution founded in 1962 and based in Washington, DC. Its Project on Nuclear Issues (PONI) is the leading U.S. educational and professional development program for emerging nuclear policy experts in government, the national laboratories, and the private sector. The PONI Congressional Fellowship is a year-long, non-partisan educational program for senior congressional staff working on nuclear, defense, and national security policy. CSIS PONI is organizing and conducting this site visit as a core educational component of the 2026 fellowship cohort, including curriculum design, speaker coordination with LANL, logistics, and travel arrangements.

Raymond Frankel Foundation: The Raymond Frankel Foundation is a private philanthropic foundation that supports educational programming on nuclear policy and arms control. The Foundation is providing grant funding to CSIS to underwrite the educational programming costs of the 2026 PONI Congressional Fellowship, including this site visit. The Foundation has no operational role in organizing or conducting the trip.

15 b. 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:

Los Alamos National Laboratory is the only U.S. national laboratory at which the educational programming of this site visit can occur. LANL is one of three NNSA design laboratories responsible for the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile and is the historic birthplace of the U.S. nuclear weapons program. The agenda, which includes briefings from LANL technical staff, tours of active and historic nuclear weapons facilities, and engagement with the CSIS PONI 2026 Nuclear Scholars, requires on-site access at LANL and cannot be replicated at any other location. Lodging is in Santa Fe because there is no suitable conference-grade lodging in Los Alamos itself; Santa Fe is the standard lodging location for LANL visitors and is approximately a 40-minute drive from the laboratory.



PONI Congressional Fellows Site Visit Agenda

CSIS Project on Nuclear Issues

July 29-August 1

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Location: Washington, DC

5:45 PM (EST) - Flight Departs IAD to ABQ (UA Flight #1822)

7:59 PM (MDT)

TBD

Dinner on own

8:30 PM - ABQ Shuttle leaves for Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza, 100 Sandoval St, Santa Fe,

10:00 PM (MDT) NM 87501

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Location: LANL

7:00 AM (MDT) Meet in Hotel Lobby

Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza, 100 Sandoval St, Santa Fe, NM, 87501

7:05 AM -

Shuttle departs to Los Alamos

8:05 AM

8:30 AM -

Breakfast

9:00 AM

JRO Building, TA-03, Building 0207, Rooms 218 & 216

9:00 AM -

Welcome Remarks

9:15 AM

Description: Opening discussion with current and former nuclear policy officials on the role of the national nuclear laboratories in supporting U.S. nuclear modernization, deterrence, and stockpile sustainment, and an overview of the site visit agenda and objectives.

Meeting with: Heather Williams, CSIS PONI Director, and Kirk Otterson - Executive Advisor, Center for National Security and International Studies, Los Alamos National Laboratory

9:30 -10:30 AM

History Brief

Description: Fellows had a discussion with LANL Historian Alan Carr about the history of the beginning of the atomic age, including US-Soviet competition drawing on declassified documents and research.

Meeting with: Alan Carr - LANL Historian, Los Alamos National Laboratory

10:30 AM –

Depart to Bradbury Science Museum

10:40 AM



- 10:50-11:50 AM **Bradbury Science Museum**
Description: Fellows will visit the Bradbury Science Museum in Los Alamos, New Mexico, which is the official public museum for the Los Alamos National Laboratory. It features over 40 interactive exhibits detailing the top-secret WWII Manhattan Project and nuclear history. During the visit fellows will participate in a tour.
Meeting with: LANL Staff
- 12:15-1:25 PM **Working Lunch (Provided from Los Alamos Cafe)**
JRO Building
Description: Discussion on AI use in the national nuclear laboratory enterprise with leading LANL experts.
Meeting With: Nick Generous, Program Manager, National Security and Defense Program Office and Juston Moore, R&D Manager, Artificial Intelligence for Nuclear Deterrence
- 1:25-1:35 PM **Sigma Safety and Security Brief**
Description: Fellows will receive a briefing on safety and security at the Sigma Complex, housed in Technical Area 3.
Meeting with: LANL employees TBD
- 1:35-1:45 PM **Depart to Sigma**
Sigma, TA-03, Building 0066
- 1:45-3:00 PM **Tour of Sigma**
Description: Sigma serves as the primary manufacturing science and materials development hub for the nuclear security enterprise
Meeting with: LANL employees TBD
- 3:00-3:30 PM **Depart to TA-15 Access Control**
- 3:30-4:30 PM **Dual Axis Radiographic Hydrodynamic Test (DARHT) Facility Tour**
DARHT, TA-15
Description: The DARHT facility is a flagship experimental facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory used to produce high-resolution radiographic images of mock nuclear weapon components during implosion. DARHT plays a critical role in the Stockpile Stewardship Program by enabling scientists to validate weapon performance models without underground nuclear testing. Fellows will tour the facility and receive briefings on its capabilities and contributions to stockpile certification.
Meeting with: George Laity, Project-Program Director, J-DO
- 4:15-5:00 PM **Depart to Dinner**



5:00-6:45 PM

Opening Dinner with Cohort

Description: Group dinner with PONI Congressional Fellows, 2026 Nuclear Scholars Initiative participants, and PONI summer conference presenters. The dinner is intended to facilitate informal dialogue between congressional staff and the next generation of nuclear policy experts on issues of shared professional interest.

Bathtub Row Brewing Co-op

Meeting with: The 2026 Nuclear Scholars Initiative Cohort:

Marcus Alan, Fire Control Lead, U.S. Navy Strategic Systems Program

Michael Baham, Program Analyst, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)

Anna Bartoux, Belfer Young Leader Student Fellow, Belfer Center of Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School of Government

Lotje Boswinkel, PhD researcher, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS), Free University Brussels

Dominic Brennan, Postdoctoral Fellow, UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation

Daniel Cebul, PhD Candidate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Emily Cheesman, Young Global Professional, Atlantic Council's Forward Defense team

Samuel Clayton, Program Manager, NNSA

Candace Huntington, Intelligence Analyst, AMZ Risk Management & Georgetown University

Shafaq Khan, Analyst, Deputy Assistant Secretary of War for Nuclear Deterrence and Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction

Shreya Lad, Research Assistant, Stanford University's Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC)

Dylan Land, Strategic Planner and Analyst at U.S. Strategic Command, J5 Plans and Policy Directorate, U.S. Strategic Command

Caitlin Listek, Treaty Analyst, US Navy SSP

Laura Luca, PhD candidate in Political Science, UCLA

Paige MacKinnon, Research Assistant, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies

Max Mayo, General Engineer, NNSA

Ryan Nesselrodt, Senior Policy Analyst, SRI

Wesley Odom, Research Scientist and Engineer, Sandia

Devin Riley, ICBM operator and flight commander, USAF

Hannah Riley, Analyst, Office of International Programs, NNSA

Philip Sheers, Associate Fellow with the Defense Program, Center for a New American Security, CNAS

Samreen Singh, Policy Analyst, NNSA

Curtis Smith, B-52H Stratofortress Aircraft Commander and Assistant Flight Commander, USAF



Will Smock-Egan, International Relations Analyst, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, PNNL

Rebecca Spencer, Policy Advisor, Nuclear and Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction, Office of the Secretary of War

Natasha Wood, Graduate Fellow, Office of Nuclear Verification, NNSA

6:45-7:45 PM **Shuttle Departs for the Hotel**

7:45-8:45 PM **Shuttle Arrives at Hotel**

8:45 PM **End of Day**

Friday, July 31, 2026

Location: Santa Fe, New Mexico

7:50-8:00 AM **Participants walk from Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza to Dorothy McKibben Conference Center**

Dorothy McKibbin Conference Center, 100 N. Guadalupe St, Santa Fe NM
Breakfast and Coffee provided

8:00-8:55 AM **Welcome Remarks**

Meeting with: Heather Williams, CSIS PONI Director

9:00-10:00 AM **Panel 1: Modernization and Deterrence**

Description: Panel presentations from rising nuclear policy experts on U.S. nuclear modernization strategy and deterrence dynamics, followed by moderated Q&A. Panelists will address the challenges posed by a two-peer nuclear threat environment, the role of Congress in governing the U.S. nuclear enterprise, the implications of uneven modernization across the nuclear triad, and operational perspectives from the air leg of the triad.

Panelists:

Daniel Cebul, *Two-Peer Problem and Escalation OR Ambiguous Signaling in Nuclear Crises*

Shreya Lad, *Bands of Proven Barbarians: Exploring Shifts in Nuclear Doctrine Towards Damage Limitation and Counterforce*

Caitlin Listek, *Future of Arms Control Following the Expiration of New START: Policy Options for Follow-On Treaties*

10:00-10:15 AM **Break**



10:15-11:30 AM **Panel 2: Extended Deterrence & the Role of Allies**

Description: Panel presentations examining the future of U.S. extended deterrence commitments and the evolving role of allies in nuclear strategy. Panelists will address European strategic culture and nuclear burden-sharing, the impact of allied long-range strike capabilities on escalation management, burden-shifting frameworks in the Indo-Pacific, and the implications of an increasingly multipolar nuclear environment for alliance architecture in Northeast Asia.

Panelists:

Anna Bartoux, *Deterrence à Deux: Building European Strategic Culture*

Lotje Boswinkel, *Extended Deterrence in the Missile Age: How Allied Long-Range Strike is Reshaping Escalation Control and Alliance Management*

Bailey Schiff, *Deepening U.S.-Japan Conventional-Nuclear Integration: Japanese Counterstrike and Domestic Political Constraints*

Samreen Singh, *How the Evolving Multipolar Nuclear Environment Shapes South Korea's Strategic Calculus and the Future of U.S.-Indo-Pacific Deterrence Architecture*

11:30 AM-12:30 PM
Catered Lunch

12:30-1:30 PM **Keynote Address**

Description: Keynote remarks from senior LANL leadership on the future of the U.S. nuclear weapons complex, the Laboratory's strategic priorities, and the role of the national laboratories in addressing emerging national security challenges.

Meeting with: John Scott, Acting Associate Lab Director for Weapons Physics, Los Alamos National Laboratory

1:30-1:45 PM
Break

1:45-2:45 PM **Panel 3: U.S. Nuclear Modernization**

Description: Panel presentations exploring the intersection of emerging technologies and nuclear security. Panelists will examine U.S. defense vulnerabilities arising from rare earth mineral import dependencies, the geopolitics of nuclear energy exports in the context of AI-driven demand, the implications of artificial intelligence and autonomous systems for nuclear command-and-control decision timelines, and the nexus between nuclear security and environmental sustainability.

Panelists:

Ryan Nesselrodt, *Congress and Nuclear Weapons: Governing the Bomb*

Philip Sheers, *A Tilting Triad? How Uneven Modernization Could Reshape U.S. Nuclear Policy and Extended Deterrence*

Michael Baham, *Nuclear Enterprise Vulnerabilities to Rare Earth Mineral Imports*



- 3:00-4:00 PM **Panel 4: Strategic Technology Intersections**
Rebecca Spencer, *The Nuclear-Environmental Nexus*
Wesley Odom, *When Minutes Become Seconds; AI, Autonomy, and the Shrinking Nuclear Decision Window*
Dominic Brennan, *The Nuclear Energy Export Race: AI Cooperation versus Competition*
- 4:00-4:05 PM **Closing Remarks**
Meeting with: Heather Williams, Director, Project on Nuclear Issues, Senior Fellow, Defense and Security Department, Center for Strategic and International Studies
- 4:05 PM Conference Adjourns
- 6:00-7:30 PM **Dinner at Pranzo Italian Grill**
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- 7:00 PM End of Day

Saturday, August 1, 2026

Location: Santa Fe, New Mexico

- 5:00 AM (MDT) Shuttle Departs Hotel to ABQ
8:00 AM (MDT) Flight Departs ABQ to IAD (UA 251)
7:00 PM (EDT) Flight Arrives at IAD