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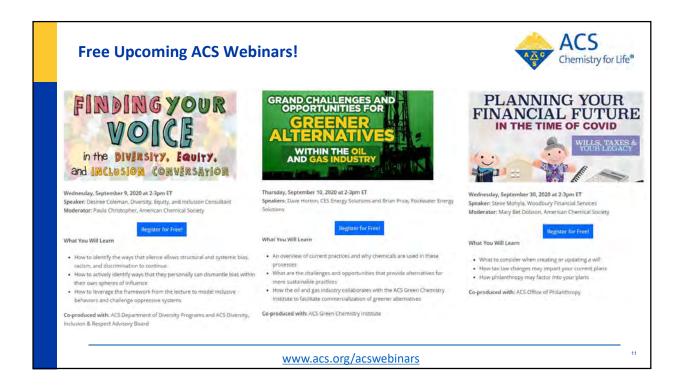


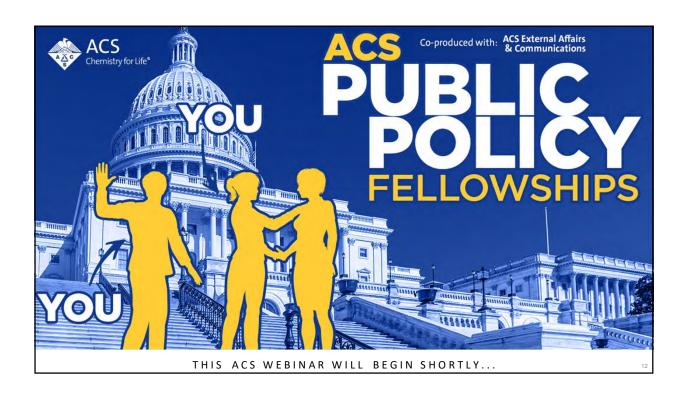
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Were you familiar with the Fellowships before this webinar?

- Yes
- No



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One Science Policy (ACS) and two Congressional Fellowships (ACS/AAAAS) available for the 2021 cycle

Background and Policy Interest









Ph.D. Organometallic Chemistry University of Maryland (2018)



Science Policy Fellow American Chemical Society (2019-21)



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ACS Science Policy Fellowship



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Member Engagement

The ACS **Science Policy Fellow** is works in the D.C. office to:

- Provide scientific support for EAC staff
- Track chemistry across the government
- Engage with ACS members and the public on advocacy issues



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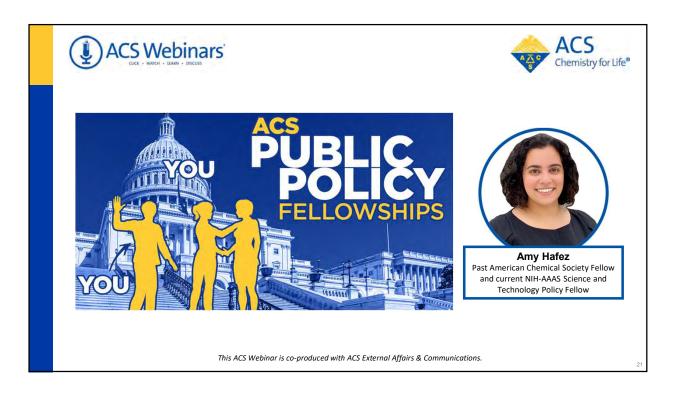


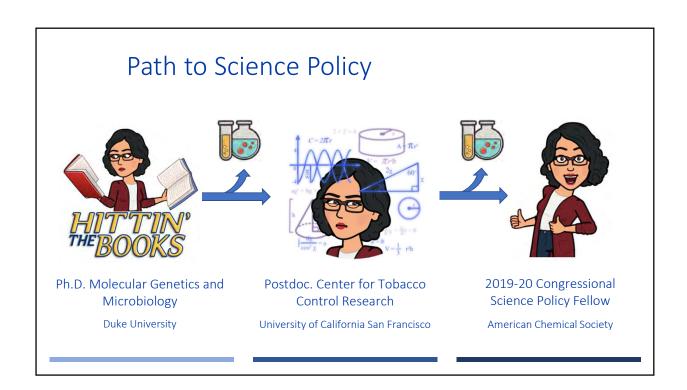
Are you planning on applying to the Public Policy Fellowships:

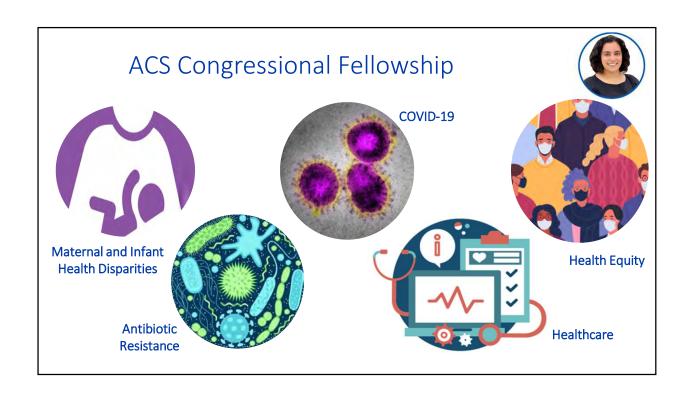
- This year (2020)
- Next year (2021)
- Further out
- I am not planning on applying



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How did you first hear about the Fellowships?

- Former fellow
- · Social media
- Different Society
- ACS website



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Professional Staff Member, Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives

Pre-Fellowship Scientific Career (for a one-time aspiring academic)



- <u>Undergrad</u> Cornell University (A.B. 1998)
- <u>Grad School</u> Stanford University (Ph.D. 2004) *Ultrafast nonlinear spectroscopic experiments studying protein dynamics*
- <u>Post Doc</u> National Institutes of Health (2004-2006) Single molecule studies of protein folding

Hurricane Katrina – A Call To Public Service





Good government can be good.

Bad government can be catastrophically bad.

The failures we saw in Katrina were the almost inevitable result of decades of bad governance.

ACS Fellowship Year 2007 – Office of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV)

Legislation:

- Enactment of the 2007 energy bill
- Lieberman-Warner capand-trade legislation reported by EPW

Everything Else:

- · Hearings and Oversight
- Constituent Services
- Communications and Messaging Strategies
- Presidential Politics (4+ Ds, 2Rs)
- Caucus Dynamics
- Stakeholder Engagement

Not Covered in Schoolhouse Rock...

What Came Next



Environmental Defense Fund (2008-2014)

Climate Change, Clean Air Act, Budget and Appropriations

Senate – Budget Committee (2014-2017)

Science, Energy, Environment, Nat. Resources, Ag

Environment and Public Works Committee (2017-2019)

Superfund, RCRA, Environmental Justice, Budget and Approps

House – Appropriations Committee (2019-present)

Interior-Environment Subcommittee - EPA

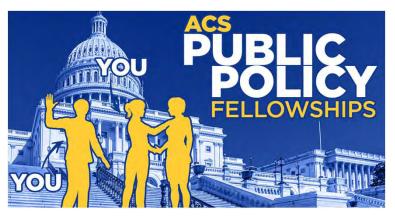
Lessons I've Learned Along the Way



- Politics is fractal.
- Persuasion is everything.
- Expertise and credibility are not the same thing.
- Policymaking happens in a complex ecosystem, and Washington DC is only one habitat.









How I Got to This Point

And what I learned along the way



Complex Coacervates

- Interaction of charged polymers
 - Liquid-liquid colloidal phase separation
 - Highly dense polymer phase
 - Aqueous phase



Underwater Adhesive



J.H. Waite, et al. Journal of Adhesion 2005, 81, 297

Science & Policy

- "Policy for Science" -- i.e. decision making about how to fund or structure the systematic pursuit of knowledge
- "Science for Policy" i.e. the use of knowledge to assist or improve decision making

Constant interaction between the two – Global Climate Change



What is it that you do?

- "Serve at the pleasure of the Senator"
 - □ Staff The Senator at meetings

 Work well under pressure & quickly convey complex ideas
 - ☐ Write and review legislation Strategic thinking
 - ☐ Meet with constituents, companies, & agencies *Ultimate test of your 'people skills'*



Networking (without being creepy)

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After learning more about the fellowships today, are you more or less interested in applying?

- More
- Less
- Unsure

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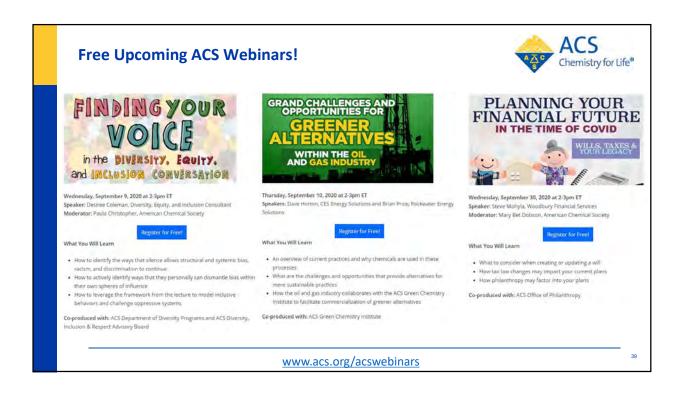
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Act4Chemistry Legislative Action Network: www.acs.org/act4chemistry

Chemistry Advocacy Workshop: www.acs.org/chemistryadvocacy

Alternative Careers in Science: https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.infocus.7e4002

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- . How to identify the ways that silence allows structural and systemic bias,
- How to actively identify ways that they personally can dismantle bias within their own spheres of influence

 How to leverage the framework from the lecture to model inclusive
- behaviors and challenge oppressive systems

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Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 2-3pm ET Speakers: Dave Horton, CES Energy Solutions and Brian Price, Rockwater Energy

What You Will Learn

- What are the challenges and opportunities that provide alternatives for
- How the oil and gas industry collaborates with the ACS Green Chemistry Institute to facilitate commercialization of greener alternatives



Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 2-3pm ET Speaker: Steve Mohyla, Woodbury Financial Services Moderator: Mary Bet Dobson, American Chemical Society

What You Will Learn

- . How tax law changes may impact your current plans
- How philanthropy may factor into your plans

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