



Twenty-second Annual
Women & Congress Seminar
Session I: March 8-12, 2010

Seminar Schedule

Monday, March 8

Stewart Mott House, 122 Maryland Ave, NE

1:15 – 2:00 p.m.

Registration and Introductions

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

What your Textbooks Don't Tell You: How Congress Really Works
Monique Frazier, Vice President and Director of Federal Government Relations,
HSBC-North America

Afternoon:

Students are free to check into the hotel, or visit the Capitol Visitor's Center, which closes at 4:30 p.m. (NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED)

Tuesday, March 9

8:45 a.m.

Depart hotel for 2456 Rayburn House Office Building

9:15 a.m.

Announcements

9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Arguments for the Paycheck Fairness Act
Fatima Goss Graves, Vice President for Education and Employment,
National Women's Law Center

Arguments Against the Paycheck Fairness Act
Rae Vann, General Counsel, Equal Employment Advisory Council

11:00 a.m.

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11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Running and Winning as a Woman
Jessica Grounds, Managing Partner and Principal Strategist, Solid Grounds
Strategy; Executive Director, Running Start

11:30 a.m.

Congresswoman Donna Edwards (D-MD)

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch on own

1:15 p.m.

Depart for 1629 Longworth House Office Building

1:30 p.m.

Kathleen Greene, Legislative Assistant, Office of Congresswoman Mary Fallin (R-OK)

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

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2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Women, Politics and the Media
Maralee Schwartz, Political Editor, The Washington Post

3:15 p.m.

Congresswoman Virginia Foxx (R-NC)

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 10

8:30 a.m.

*Meet PLEN Staff in the lobby of The Carlyle Suites Hotel to pick up House
committee hearing schedule*

- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *Congressional Hearing of Your Choice (See List) and Preparation for Committee Hearing Simulation on the Paycheck Fairness Act (S.182)*
IMPORTANT: *This will help prepare you for your role in the congressional hearing simulation tonight.*
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on own
- 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **OPEN TO VISIT MEMBER'S OFFICE**
- 1:00 p.m. Depart for 328 Hart Senate Office Building
- 1:15 p.m. **Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA)**
- 5:00 p.m. *Meet at 2261 Rayburn House Office Building*
- 5:15 p.m. Dinner (Pizza & Sodas)
- 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. **Congressional Committee Hearing Simulation**
2261 Rayburn House Office Building
Come prepared to act as a committee member or a witness testifying on the Paycheck Fairness Act (S.182)
Chaired by: Tracy Sherman, Government Relations Manager, American Association of University Women (AAUW)

Thursday, March 11

- 9:00 a.m. *Depart hotel for Sewall-Belmont House, 144 Constitution Ave. NE*
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Secrets for Landing that Hot Job or Internship**
Pamela O'Leary, Development Manager, Sewall-Belmont House and Museum
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. **Lobbying in Washington, DC: What Does it Take to Make a Difference?**
Kymer Messersmith, Senior Advisor, 3 Click Solutions
- 12:00 p.m. *Tour of the Sewall-Belmont House, women's suffrage museum and home of the National Woman's Party*
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Lunch on your own and time to explore the Capitol area
- 3:00 p.m. *Depart for 2103 Rayburn House Office Building*
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. **Women and Careers on Capitol Hill**
Jennifer Pielsticker, Scheduler, Office of Congresswoman Jean Schmidt
Megan Williams, Legislative Assistant, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, House Committee on Veteran's Affairs
Randi Reid, Legislative Director, Office of U.S. Senator Mike Enzi
- 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. **OPEN FOR MEMBER**

Friday, March 12 *Stewart Mott House, 122 Maryland Ave, NE*

- 9:00 a.m. *Check out of hotel (You may leave bags at the hotel, or bring them with you)*
- 9:15 a.m. *Depart hotel for the Stewart Mott House*
- 10:00 a.m. **Discussion and Debriefing**
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **3rd Annual Mock Lobbying Reception with Women in Government Relations (WGR)**
Anna Davis, Executive Director of Government Relations, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

Melinda Glazer, Professional Staff Member, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery

Liz Reicherts, Director of US Government and International Affairs, BP America Inc.; President, WGR

Peggy Tighe, Partner, Strategic Health Care

Laura Vogel, Manager, Federal Member Advocacy, National Association of REALTORS (NAR)

Directions Sheet

To the Carlyle Suites Hotel, 1731 New Hampshire Avenue, NW

◇*From the metro:* At the Dupont Circle Metro Station on the Red Line, take the Q Street North exit. At the top of the escalator, turn RIGHT and walk along Q Street across Connecticut Avenue. Continue one and a half more blocks to New Hampshire Avenue. CROSS New Hampshire Avenue and turn left. Continue on New Hampshire about two and a half more blocks; the hotel is on the right.

◇*From the Hotel to Dupont Circle Metro Station:* Turn left on New Hampshire Ave. and go 2 blocks to Q St. Turn right on Q St. Continue 1 block and cross Connecticut Ave. to Dupont Circle Metro Station (on left).

To the Stewart Mott House, 122 Maryland Avenue, NE

◇*From Dupont Circle (Red Line):* Take the train in the direction of Glenmont five stops to the Union Station Metro station. From Union Station, take the Massachusetts Avenue exit and CROSS the fountain plaza to 1st Street, NE. Take 1st Street for 4 blocks to Maryland Avenue. Turn LEFT on Maryland Avenue, the Stewart Mott House is on the left about halfway down the block.

To Capitol South Metro Station (Cannon, Longworth and Rayburn House Office Buildings)

◇*From Dupont Circle (Red Line):* Take the train in the direction of Glenmont/Silver Spring for 2 stops to Metro Center and transfer to the Blue Line in the direction of Largo Town Center OR the Orange Line in the direction of New Carrollton. Go for 5 stops to the Capitol South Metro Station. Exit the station and turn LEFT onto C St. Cannon will be the first building on your right, Longworth will be the second building on your right, and Rayburn will be the third building on your right.

Capitol Hill: The city of Washington, D.C. is divided into four quadrants, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest, with the Capitol building as the center. Many of the city streets are named with letters and numbers that begin at the Capitol and increase as you go out from there. The numbers and letters of the streets repeat, so there is a First Street to the east of the Capitol and another First Street to the west of the Capitol, and a C Street to the north and another C Street to the south of the Capitol. When you are looking for an address near the Capitol, be sure that you know what quadrant you should be in.

*The House Office Buildings (Cannon, Longworth, and Rayburn) are on the south side of the Capitol. Each of the House buildings has specific room numbering.

*The Senate Office Buildings (Russell, Dirksen and Hart) are on the north side of the Capitol near Union Station.

To the Hart Senate Office Building

◇*From House Office Buildings:* Walk down 1st Street towards the US Capitol Building. Turn RIGHT on Constitution Ave.

◇*From Union Station (Red Line):* From the main entrance, turn LEFT and walk past the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judicial Building to the intersection of 2nd Street, NE and Massachusetts Avenue. In addition to the entrance on 2nd Street, you may enter on Constitution Ave.

To the Sewall-Belmont House, 144 Constitution Ave, NE (located next to Hart Senate Office Building)

◇*From Union Station (Red Line):* From the main entrance, turn LEFT and walk past the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judicial Building to the intersection of 2nd Street, NE and Massachusetts Avenue. Turn RIGHT onto Second Street. Travel for three blocks, passing the Senate parking lot and Hart Senate Office Building on the right. The Sewall-Belmont House and Museum is located just beyond the entrance to the Hart building.

To Rayburn House Office Building, 50 Independence Ave, SW

◇*From Sewall-Belmont House:* Exit Sewall-Belmont House. Turn RIGHT on Constitution Ave. Turn LEFT on First Street. Turn RIGHT on C Street. Rayburn will be the third building on your right.