

Agenda current as of September 24, 2024

White House Fellows Foundation & Association
59th Annual Leadership Conference
October 24-26, 2024

DISRUPTION
Meeting the Challenge. Seizing the Opportunity.

Venues:

Wednesday – Virtual Workshop (requires a separate registration)
Thursday – Decatur House: 748 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC
Friday Morning and Afternoon – Decatur House: 748 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC
Friday Evening – The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
Independence Ave SW & 7th St SW, Washington, DC
Saturday – Lincoln Cottage: 140 Rock Creek Church Road NW, Washington DC

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024

Strategic Foresight Workshop

Location: Virtual – a link will be provided beforehand to registered attendees. Please note you will need to register for this workshop separately as an option when you register for the conference. This will be limited to the first 30 people who sign up.

Time: 1:00pm to 5:00pm ET

On Wednesday, the day *before* the Annual Leadership Conference, Ms. Robin Champ, VP Strategic Foresight at LBL Strategies will lead this 4-hour virtual workshop. The workshop can accommodate up to 30 people. Those who participate will receive Continuing Education Credits awarded by The George Washington University. This workshop will be available for a separate registration fee.

Topics covered will include:

- Foresight in the Government
- Foresight and Strategy
- Deep Dive: Signals and Trends
- PESTLE/STEEP/STEEPLE Frameworks

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- Futures/Implications Wheels
- Scenario-Based Planning

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024

Decatur House: 748 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC

Attire: Business

Note: Asterisked Sessions* will be available to watch “remote” by WHFs who wish to view these selected conference sessions at a reduced registration rate. Please note that the speakers during these sessions have agreed to share their remarks via remote, and we are working to confirm additional speakers for this hybrid remote option as well.

- 7:30am Registration opens, informal networking, and breakfast in the courtyard.
- 8:50am Welcome and Opening Remarks* by WHFFA President **Mr. Marc Thomas** (1994-95) and WHFFA Vice President **Dr. Sharon Kiely** (1994-95)
- Special Recognition*:
- 50th Anniversary Class: **The Class of 1974-75**
- 9:00am: Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Doris Kearns-Goodwin*** (1967-68) – **Confirmed**
- Fireside chat with **TBD**
- 10:00am: Break
- 10:15am: Discussion: **Disruption in the Legislative Branch ***
- **Honorable Patrick Murphy** Former U.S. Representative (D-FL-18) – **Confirmed**
 - **Mr. Mike Carney**, President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation – **Confirmed**
- 11:05am: Break
- 11:20am: Speaker – **U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy *** (R-LA) – **Confirmed**
- Introduced by **TBD**
- 12:00pm Break and shift from Carriage House to the Courtyard
- 12:10pm Luncheon served
- 12:30pm Commission Luncheon: *

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- **Ms. Demetra Lambros**, Chair of the President’s Commission on White House Fellowships – *Tentatively Confirmed*
- **Ms. Rose Vela**, Director of the President’s Commission on White House Fellowships – *Confirmed*
 - Introduced by **TBD**

1:00pm Break and time to talk with your “fellow Fellows”

1:20pm Shift venue to Carriage House

1:30pm Speaker: **The Honorable Lael Brainard** (1994-95), Director, National Economic Council – *Confirmed*

- Fireside chat with **TBD**

2:20pm: Break

2:30pm: Panel: **“Strategic Foresight”** *
Moderated by **Ms. Robin Champ**, Vice President of Strategic Foresight for LBL Strategies – *Confirmed*
Panelists:

- **Mr. Eric Popiel**, Group Manager, Future of Work, Workforce Policy & Innovation, U.S. Office of Personnel Management – *Confirmed*
- **Mr. James Christian Blockwood**, Executive Vice President, Partnership for Public Service – *Confirmed*
- **Ms. Marcia Piñeda**, Senior Program Analyst, USDA – *Invited*
- **Mr. Brian Coppersmith**, Branch Chief, Futures and Foresight, Futures and Concepts Division, HQ USAF A5/7 – *Confirmed*

3:30pm: Break

3:50pm: Speaker: **Ms. Anne Neuberger** (2007-08), Deputy National Security Advisor, Cyber & Emerging Technology – *Confirmed*

- Introduced by: **TBD**

4:50pm: Closing Remarks for Day 1: WHFFA President **Mr. Marc Thomas** (1994-95) and WHFFA Vice President **Dr. Sharon Kiely** (1994-95)

5:00pm **Begin Evening Reception in the Courtyard**

6:30pm Evening free for Class Dinners/Gatherings

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024

Decatur House: 748 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC

Attire: Business

- 7:30am Registration opens, informal networking, and breakfast in the courtyard.
- 9:00am Speaker: **Mr. Jon Finer** (2009-10), Principal Deputy National Security Advisor – **Confirmed**
○ Introduced by: **TBD**
- 9:45am: Break
- 10:00am: Speaker: **The Honorable Alejandro N. Mayorkas**, Secretary of Homeland Security. *Immigration: Policy, Politics & Public Safety* – **Confirmed**
Fireside chat with **Ms. Elizabeth Daitz** (2019-20)
- 11:00am: Break
- 11:15am: **The Honorable Carlos Del Toro** (1998-99), Secretary of the Navy – **Confirmed**
○ Introduced by: **TBD**
- 12:00pm Break and shift from the Carriage House to the Courtyard
- 12:10pm Luncheon Served
- 12:25pm *White House Fellows Foundation & Association Business Meeting**
○ President's Report – WHFFA President **Mr. Marc Thomas** (1994-95)
○ Treasurer's Report – WHFFA Treasurer **Mr. Kevin Monroe** (1996-97)
○ Clinton Presidential Library – Executive Director **Mr. David Moore** (1996-97)
○ Recruiting Report – **CAPT Robert "Mac" McFarlin**, USN (2013-14)
○ Alumni Engagement Proposal – **Ms. Rachel Evans** (2017-18)
○ Award Update – **Dr. Cara LaPointe** (2013-14) and **Mr. Marc Thomas** (1994-95)
- 1:10pm Break and time to talk with your "fellow Fellows"
- 1:30pm: Panel: **Leading through Disruption: Confronting Instability in East Africa ***
Moderated by **Dr. Dakota Roberson** (2019-20)
Panelists:
● **Dr. Brian D'Silva**, Former USAID Senior Policy Advisor on Sudan and South Sudan – **Invited**

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- **Ms. Joy Basu** (2021-22) Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of African Affairs – ***Invited***
 - **Dr. David Rogers** (2018-19), Chief Development Officer, Research & Development Corp – ***Invited***
 - **AMB Scott Gration** (1982-83) former US Ambassador to Kenya, and former Presidential Special Envoy to Sudan – ***Invited***
- 2:30pm: Break
- 2:45pm: Discussion: ***Geopolitical Disruption and America's National Security ****
- **Dr. Colin Kahl**, former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy – ***Confirmed***
 - **LTC Adam Scher**, USA (2019-20) – ***Confirmed***
- 3:30pm: Break
- 3:45pm Panel: ***Disruptive Geopolitics: The State of the U.S.-China Relationship in the Indo-Pacific ****
Moderated by: **Mr. Nelson Dong** (1978-79)
Panelists:
- **Mr. Craig Allen**, President of the U.S.-China Business Council – ***Confirmed***
 - **ADM Dennis Blair** (1975-76), former Director of National Intelligence, former Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, retired U.S. Navy admiral, and member of the board of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations – ***Confirmed***
- 4:45pm: Possible speaker to give us a pre-briefing on the Hirshhorn Exhibits
- 4:55pm Closing Remarks by incoming WHFFA President **Mr. Will Webb** (1994-95)
- 5:00pm: Break and shift venue to the *Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden*
- 6:00pm ***Arrive at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden***
- 6:00pm: **Reception**
- 7:00pm: Tour the exhibits in the downstairs Kruger Lobby and the “**Revolutions Exhibition**” on the 2nd Floor
- Please Note: Food and drink will not be permitted in the 2nd Floor exhibits
- 9:00pm: Evening events conclude

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

Lincoln Cottage: 140 Rock Creek Church Road NW, Washington DC 20011

10:00am Arrive at the Cottage grounds via car, or Uber/Lyft. Directions to the cottage will be provided in your conference folder.

On arrival, you will need to present identification at the gate. We will meet in the Visitor Center (the green tile roof building to the left of the entry gate). We will break into two groups of 25 people. One group will tour the cottage while the other group participates in the program: ***Lincoln's Toughest Decisions: A facilitated, dialogue-based, interactive experience designed to help participants work through the toughest decisions President Lincoln made around Emancipation.*** The groups will then switch and the group that has toured the cottage will participate in the program, and vice versa.

Note: The Visitor Center is the building with the green tile roof, just to the left as you enter through the gate. The Lincoln Cottage is the white building with the brown roof, just across the street. Visitor parking is about 100 yards past the Visitor Center on the left.

11:30am Programs and Tours completed.

11:30am Lunch

We will gather at the Visitor Center for lunch in the Group Program Room – and if the weather is nice, we can move from there outside to the picnic tables on the lawn.

12:30pm Tour ends