

SCIENCE POLICY FELLOWSHIP

Workshop



AUGUST 15TH, 1:30-4:00 PM

NEW CABELL HALL, LANGUAGE COMMONS (SUITE 298)

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PhD Plus and the Science Policy Initiative at UVA are co-hosting a 2.5-hour workshop specifically designed for graduate students and postdocs who are interested in pursuing science policy fellowship and internship opportunities.

To learn more, visit: phdplus.virginia.edu/science-policy

WORKSHOP AGENDA

- 1:30 PM Welcome & Introductions
- 1:35 PM Landscape of Science Policy Opportunities
- 2:20 PM Panel Discussion
- 3:20 PM Panel Reflections & Recap
- 3:45 PM Next Steps
- 4:00 PM Event Concludes

Panelists

ALISON BOLAND-REEVES



New Voices Program Manager & Senior Program Officer
National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

SHONDA GILLILAND



Director of Operations and Coordination
AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships

DEBORAH PURCE



Fellowships and Research Lead
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ALISON BOLAND-REEVES *New Voices Program Manager & Senior Program Officer National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine*

Alison Boland Reeves is the Senior Program Officer for Science and Engineering Capacity Development at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM). She manages the New Voices and Christine Mirzayan Fellowship programs. Prior to NASEM, Alison was the Public Management Track Lead for the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders at IREX and also ran fellowship programs on the ground in the International Office of The University of Texas at Austin. Alison has over 10 years of program management experience working in the nonprofit sector, higher education, and international development to elevate young leaders around the world.

Her previous experience includes three years of Peace Corps service in Mongolia (2009-2012), and she is passionate about mentoring program participants and creating engaging training experiences for learners at all levels. Alison grew up in Little Rock, Arkansas and earned her BA from Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts. She completed her MFA in documentary film production at The University of Texas at Austin in 2015 along with a graduate certificate in nonprofit management.

SHONDA GILLILAND *Director of Operations and Coordination AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships*

As the Director of Operations and Coordination, Shonda is a member of the senior leadership teams for the Science & Technology Policy Fellowship and Mass Media Fellowship Programs. She plays a pivotal role in driving the successful execution of the immersive fellowship programs by leading projects and directing coordination within the team.

Shonda is accustomed to being the hub at the center of many spokes and joins AAAS after 18 years with the Society for Conservation Biology as the Program Director for the David H. Smith Conservation Research Fellowship where she was responsible for all program operations including facilitating the selection process, curating the professional development curriculum, and cultivating community amongst the network of fellows. She's been invited to present on leadership skills development in conservation science, mentoring components of fellowship programs, and building networks for conservation solutions at a variety of gatherings such as the International Congress for Conservation Biology and NASEM.

Shonda earned a B.A. in Social Relations and Political Theory from Michigan State University and M.S. in Sustainable Development and Conservation Biology from the University of Maryland, College Park where her research focused on the valuation of ecosystem services provided by the U.S. National Wildlife Refuge System. Prior to her graduate studies, Shonda did constituent service (immigration) in the congressional office of U.S. Senator Carl Levin and she also has experience with the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, Maryland. She is currently in training to be a certified Maryland Master Naturalist with the Anacostia Watershed Society.

DEBORAH PURCE *Fellowships and Research Lead Washington Sea Grant*

Deborah has been with Washington Sea Grant since 2018, serving as the Fellowships and Research Lead. In this role, she oversees the competitive selection of students and recent graduates for various marine science fellowships in areas such as marine policy, fisheries, and communications. She also plays a key role in the selection and administration of research, education, and outreach project grants, handling scientific reviews and technical evaluations.

Deborah's background in marine science includes coral reef restoration in the Dominican Republic, research on marine protected areas in Chile as a Fulbright scholar, and graduate studies on scallop physiology related to aquaculture in Baja California Sur, Mexico. Her journey with Sea Grant began in 2008 as a NOAA Coastal Management Fellow, where she developed shoreline public access tools and policy guidelines for the Washington State Department of Ecology.

She holds a bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in Latin American studies from Lewis & Clark College, and a master's degree in marine biology from Western Washington University. Deborah is passionate about science fiction, the outdoors, and her three young children. She is committed to strengthening pathways into marine science careers for underrepresented groups.