William L. Fisher Congressional Geoscience Fellows

Current and Former AGI and William L. Fisher Congressional Geoscience Fellows
2020-2021 AGI Fisher Fellow Jakob Lindaas

Jakob Lindaas received his Ph.D. in Atmospheric Science at Colorado State University (CSU) studying local ozone air quality with a focus on research and outreach efforts to better engage the public in understanding and protecting this critical resource. His interests include ways to support and encourage geoscientists' engagement in public policy decisions, from local to national levels.

Previously, Lindaas earned a master's degree in Atmospheric Science from CSU and a B.A. in Environmental Science and Planning from the University of California, Santa Cruz. He currently works in the Earth and Planetary Science Department focusing on greenhouse gas flux estimates from urban and arctic environments.

2019-2020 AGI Fisher Fellow Raleigh Martin

Raleigh Martin is an Earth-surface process geoscientist interested in enabling open knowledge, data, and policy in the domain of environmental resilience. He earned his Ph.D. in Geography at UC Berkeley and his research does not focus on channel the statistical variability of sediment transport and geomorphology in rivers.

2018-2019 AGI Fisher Fellow Ryan Edwards

Ryan Edwards earned his Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Princeton University. His research concentrated on energy policy, specifically, how to gain insight into the policy development process as the 2018-19 William L. Fisher Congressional Geoscience Fellow.

2017-2018 AGI Fisher Fellow Mary Schultz

Mary Schultz, magna cum laude with Honors in Geology from Bryn Mawr College (Philadelphia, PA), is receiving her Ph.D. in Geological Sciences at Princeton University this year. She is part of the AGI 2017-18 Fisher Fellow and very much looks forward to bridging her skills as a geoscientist and communicator to the realm of policy.

2016-2017 AGI Fisher Fellow Emma Locatelli

Emma Locatelli is a geoscientist with expertise in paleontology, specifically fossil preservation. She earned her B.A. in Geology at the University of California, Berkeley, and her research focuses on assessing the utility of remote sensing to identify plastic debris in the Great Lakes and in oceans.

2015-2016 AGI Fisher Fellow Gifford Wong

The 2015-2016 William L. Fisher Congressional Geoscience Fellow is Gifford Wong. He will receive his Ph.D. in Earth and Planetary Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and hopes to work with the Geophysical Union to organize a communication skills workshop to coincide with their 2016 summer symposium.

2014-2015 AGI Fisher Fellow Joseph Majkut

The 2014-2015 William L. Fisher Congressional Geoscience Fellow is Joseph Majkut. Joseph graduated with his B.S. in Geology from the College of William and Mary and his research focuses on assessing the utility of remote sensing to identify plastic debris in the Great Lakes and in oceans.

2013-2014 AGI Fisher Fellow Kristen Mitchell

The 2013-2014 William L. Fisher Congressional Geoscience Fellow is Kristen Mitchell. She worked in the office of Congressman Scott Rigell, focused on the intersection between science and policy, and her research focuses on assessing the utility of remote sensing to identify plastic debris in the Great Lakes and in oceans.

2012-2013 AGI Fisher Fellow Anna Henderson

The 2012-2013 William L. Fisher Congressional Geosciences Fellow is Anna Henderson. She worked on energy policy in the office of Congressman Scott Rigell, focused on the intersection between science and policy, and her research focuses on assessing the utility of remote sensing to identify plastic debris in the Great Lakes and in oceans.

2011-2012 AGI Fisher Fellow Aisha Morris

The 2011-2012 William L. Fisher Congressional Geoscience Fellow is Aisha Morris who worked in the office of Congressman Scott Rigell, focused on the intersection between science and policy, and her research focuses on assessing the utility of remote sensing to identify plastic debris in the Great Lakes and in oceans.

For those seeking additional information and background on the AGI Congressional Science Fellowship, a more detailed prospectus is available on this site. An April 2001 article by Maeve Boland provides information on what some geoscience congressional fellows have done after their experiences in Washington. Also available is the November 1997 Geotimes column on the fellowship entitled Congressional Fellows: Scientists in a Strange Land. A book of essays by former fellows about their experience, entitled From the Lab to the Hill, is now available in PDF format on the AAAS website. Please send any comments or problems with this site to AGI Geoscience Policy at govt@agiweb.org.