

Stennis Congressional Staff Fellows - 103rd through 112th Congress

112th Congress

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111th Congress

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110th Congress

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109th Congress

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 Pete Kirkham
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 Peg McGlinch
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 Kristin Elise Nicholson
 Nicholas Palarino
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 Craig Roberts
 Kimberly Ross
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108th Congress

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 Robert Gregory Hinote
 Robert Holste
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 Evan Liddiard
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107th Congress

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106th Congress

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105th Congress

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104th Congress

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103rd Congress

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 James M. Eagen
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Stennis Congressional Staff Fellows Program



The Stennis Congressional Staff Fellows Program is a practical, bipartisan leadership development experience for senior-level staff of the United States Congress. The program focuses on future challenges to Congress as an institution of American democracy and the leadership role played by senior Congressional staff in meeting those challenges.

In each Congress, 24 to 28 Stennis Fellows are selected by an independent panel. Each group is balanced by party and chamber. Stennis Fellows meet six to eight times over a 15 to 18 month period, with times and locations selected to be convenient to the Fellows.

Learning Agenda and Theme

One of the unique features of the Stennis Fellows Program is that Fellows determine their own learning agenda within a core theme. Nationally and internationally renowned experts will meet with the Stennis Fellows to explore various aspects of the agenda. While insights from guest experts are valuable, even more significant is the dialogue, learning and relationship building that takes place among the Stennis Fellows. At the conclusion of the Fellowship period, Fellows summarize their learning experience and, with the assistance of Stennis Center staff, prepare a summary of the Fellowship experience for the Congressional leadership and others interested in the future of the United States Congress. The Stennis Fellows Program is not an

advocacy effort; ideas developed through the Fellowship are presented as a resource for Stennis Fellows, Members of Congress, students of Congress, and others who share an interest in the work.

The 113th Congress Stennis Fellows will look ahead to explore how Congress can best fulfill its Constitutional role in the context of growing political polarization. While accentuating differences is an essential part of the political process, effective governing also depends on building trust, finding common ground, and achieving compromise. Stennis Fellows in previous Congresses have identified the threat of growing political polarization to the governing process and public trust in Congress.

While examining the broad theme of *Meeting the Challenge: Bridging Boundaries for the Common Good*, Fellows will explore current trends and then develop an agenda of questions to pursue together and with leading experts. Examples of possible questions to help shape this learning agenda include:

Looking ahead, how can Congress:

- ★ *Work through partisan divisions to achieve legislative solutions?*
- ★ *Involve citizens more effectively in developing consensus on major issues?*
- ★ *Strengthen relationships within the chambers and improve the legislative process to better fulfill its Constitutional role in a rapidly changing world?*

Eligibility

Stennis Fellows must be nominated by a Member of Congress and be senior-level Congressional staff such as committee staff directors, chiefs of staff, legislative directors, counsels, and senior professional staff. Nominees should demonstrate:

- ★ A track record of leadership in key staff positions (personal or committee) characterized by senior management responsibility and involvement in significant aspects of the legislative process;
- ★ A reputation for statesmanship – caring for the evolution of Congress and the political system as a whole;
- ★ Significant career commitment to public service, with special emphasis on Congress;
- ★ A desire to make a significant contribution to further the mission of the program; and
- ★ A commitment to learn and fully participate in the responsibilities of the Fellowship.

Nominations of high-potential staffers with limited Hill experience also will be considered. Renominations of senior-level staff not selected in prior Congresses are encouraged. The ability to devote the time necessary to participate fully in the program is a prerequisite to being selected and retaining the designation of Stennis Fellow.

The Stennis Center seeks diversity in the Fellows Program and does not discriminate among individual nominees on the basis of race, religion, sex, national or ethnic origin, disability, or veteran status.

Stennis Fellows Profile

Over 280 Stennis Fellows have completed their Fellowship and are now part of a growing academy of Senior Stennis Fellows. Many continue to serve in the Congress where their combined experience totals almost 3,500 years. More than half of the Senior Fellows had ten years of experience or more at the time of their selection as a Stennis Fellow.



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Mission of the Stennis Fellows Program

- ★ Enhance the capacity and commitment of exceptional senior-level staff members to “Look Ahead” to what will be needed to better serve Congress and its Members in a world of rapid change;
- ★ Foster dialogue and the exchange of ideas among senior-level staff members in a neutral venue, and create a valuable network of bipartisan, bicameral working relationships;
- ★ Produce a useful result – an ongoing legacy of learning – for those who care about the long-term effectiveness of Congress as a governing institution; and
- ★ Recognize and honor senior-level staff of the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in public service.

Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership

The John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership was established in 1988 under the legislative branch to promote and strengthen public service leadership within the Congress and the Nation. The Stennis Center accomplishes its mission through leadership development programs, conferences, seminars, and special projects. The Stennis Center is headquartered in Starkville, Mississippi, with an office in Washington, DC.



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Projected Calendar Highlights

- March 18, 2013Nominations due
- April 2013 Selection Committee finalizes selections
- May 2013.....Invitations issued to 113th Congress Stennis Fellows
- June 2013..... Welcoming Reception
- July 2013 Inaugural Meeting – Set Learning Agenda
- October 2013 Overnight retreat to finalize Learning Agenda; workshop on dialogue process to be used throughout fellowship
- November 2013 to April 2014..... Roundtable sessions (approximately four) with leading experts on major questions of Learning Agenda (several half-day sessions or combined sessions requiring an overnight stay)
- May 2014..... Overnight retreat to synthesize conclusions from the Fellowship
- September 2014..... Awards and Celebration Dinner

