



Welcome Packet

Student Advocacy Day on the Hill 2020



CRISP Student Advocacy 2020 Agenda

Social Media Hash Tag: **#CRISPHillDay**

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. (Please allow time for entrance into building and security)
Capitol Visitors Center Congressional Auditorium
First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20515

Welcome & Introductions from CRISP Leaders & Student Leaders

Keynote and Guest Speaker

Dr. Keita Franklin
Councilmember, Dr. Carla Thornton

Congressional Representatives

Congresswoman Barbara Lee
Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia
Other Representatives

Lobby Day Training

Student Leadership Team

NASW Student Acknowledgement

Dina Kastner

Final instructions and closing (closing by 12:00pm)

Lunch on your own

Appointments and canvassing: 1:00 - 3:30pm

Congressional Reception: 4:00 - 6:00pm (Location MAY change for students)

Rayburn Office Building
45 Independence Ave SW
Room 2325

For the People Act HR. 1

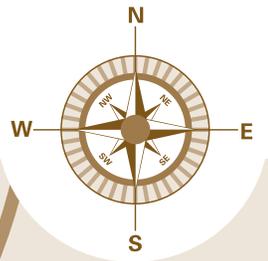
- Bill Summary: Introduced January 3, 2019 in the House by Representative John Sarbanes (D- MD). This bill seeks to restrict partisan gerrymandering, expand voting rights, and limit power of private donor money as it related to politics and campaigns. Also addresses government ethics.
- What it addresses:
 - Voter access, election integrity, election security, political spending, and ethics for the three branches of government
 - Expands voter registration and voting access; Election Day would become national holiday; Limit to removing voters from voter rolls.
 - Expanding voting rights for the incarcerated.
 - Independent, nonpartisan redistricting commissions.
 - Election security
 - Campaign spending; campaign advertisements; online platforms; disclaimer requirements
 - Provisions related to ethics in all three branches of government; code of ethics for federal judges/justices
 - Required candidates for President and Vice President to submit 10 years of tax returns

Latest Actions on For the People Act HR. 1

- Received in the Senate 03/12/2019
- Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time 03/13/2019.
- Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 39. 03/14/2019
- Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell will not bring this bill to Senate Floor

U.S. CAPITOL

Visitor Center



Legend

	Accessible Entrance		Elevators
	Accessible Route		Parking
	Visitor Services Shuttle		Bus Pick-Up
	Circulator Bus Stop		Bus Drop-Off
			Metro Station



LUNCH OPTIONS ON CAPITOL HILL

House Side

- **Longworth Cafeteria: B-223**
- **Rayburn Cafeteria: B-2063**

OFF CAPITOL

SOUTH METRO:

- **Bullfeathers**
1st St. Between D & E, SE
- **Talay Thai**
1st St. Between D & E, SE
- **Tortilla Coast**
1st St. & D, SE

DOWN PENNSYLVANIA

AVENUE, SE:

- **Firehook Bakery**
- **Hunan Dynasty**
- **Pete's Carry-Out**
2nd St. Entrance
- **Burrito Brothers**
- **Starbucks**
- **Young Chow**
- **La Lomita Dos**
- **District Taco**
- **We the Pizza**
- **Sanphan Thai Cuisine**
- **Good Stuff Eatery**
- **Sweet Green (Salads)**

Senate Side

- **Russell Carry-out:**
Basement NW
7:30AM-5:00PM
- **Dirksen North Servery:**
Basement NW
7:30AM-3:00PM
- **Dirksen South Buffet:**
Basement Southside
11:30AM-2:30PM
- **Dirksen South Convenience:**
Dirksen Basement Southside
11:30AM-2:30PM
- **Hart Senate Chef**
Dirksen/Hart Ground Floor
Connecting Corridor
8:00AM-6:30PM

UNION STATION

FOOD COURT & RESTAURANTS

D St. Between 1st and 2nd St., NE

- **The Monocle**
- **Shake Shack**
- **Cafe Berlin on Capitol Hill**

D St. Between 2nd and
Massachusetts Ave., NE

- **Kyoto Sushi**
- **Union Pub**
- **Subway**
- **Armand's Chicago Pizza**
- **Bistro Italiano (closes 2PM)**
- **Bistro Cacao**
- **La Loma Mexican (closes 3PM)**



CRISP Leadership

- Dr. Charles Lewis, Director
- Dr. Tina Atherall, Board of Directors

CRISP 2020 Student Leadership Team

- Stacey Baxter, Catholic University
- Raldina Bredy, New York University
- Yasmin Campos-Mendez, Columbia University
- Jessica Chery, Barry University
- Carrie Cole, Louisville University
- Veltiandra Cotton, Howard University
- Emily Hopkins, University of Michigan
- Laura Kuhn, University of Maryland-Baltimore
- Sazha Ramos, Rutgers University
- Abigail Emily Rose, Columbia University
- Farhana Shafi, Columbia University
- Chrisna-Ann Stair, Bryn Mawr College

Representatives Bios

Congresswoman Barbara Lee



Congresswoman Barbara Lee has served as a member of the Congressional Senate since 1998, serving California's now 13th district. Currently, Congresswoman Lee serves on three subcommittees within the House Committee on Appropriations – (1) the Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, where she is the Vice Chair; (2) the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies; and (3) the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies. Congresswoman also serves on the House Committee on the Budget. Additionally, Congresswoman Lee holds leadership positions in the following congressional organizations:

- Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Health Care Task Force (Co-Chair)
- LGBT Equity Caucus (Vice-Chair & Founding Member)
- Congressional Black Caucus (Former Chair)
- Congressional Progressive Caucus (Former Co-Chair & Current Whip)
- Majority Leader Task Force on Poverty, Income Inequality & Opportunity (Chair)
- Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus (Co-Founder & Co-Chair)
- U.S. Representative to the General Assembly of the United Nations

Prior to her involvement in the U.S. Senate, Congresswoman Lee received her Masters of Social Work from the University of California, Berkeley, specializing in psychiatric social work.

Before Lobbying

- Determine the format of your lobby day.
- Determine the staging/meeting location
- Determine how appointments will be set -It is imperative that you determine early who will set-up the appointments.
- Scheduling of appointments should start no later than 30 days before the lobby day, preferably earlier.
- Determine what issue(s) you will be lobbying.
- GO check out 'roll call votes by U.S. Congress' and see who voted for the bill and who is opposed.

During the Visit

- Introduce yourself and District or State. What group or organization you are with.
- Start on a positive note by finding common ground. For example, if your legislators recently voted in support of a social justice issue, thank them.
- Clearly state your position on HR1. This is key if your meeting is cut short.
- Use personal stories. Explain your position with facts and use personal stories when possible. Federal legislation affects you and your clients; make sure your legislators understand the personal ramifications or benefits resulting from their actions.



As a professional Social Worker in Congress, Congresswoman Lee has been a long-time advocate to end poverty, end HIV and work to ensure an AIDS-free generation, as well as works to move advance the policies in the “For the People” agenda.

Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia



Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2018, when she became the first Latina to represent the state of Texas’ 29th Congressional district. Currently, Congresswoman Garcia serves on two subcommittees within the Judiciary Committee and two subcommittees within the Financial Services Committee – the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship; and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, and the Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion, respectively. Congresswoman Garcia currently holds two leadership positions within the U.S. Congress – the Congressional Navy-Marine Corps

Caucus, where she is the Co-Founder and Co-Chair, as well as the Congressional Explosive Ordnance Disposal Caucus, where she serves as the Co-Chair.

Congresswoman Garcia received a degree in social work and political science from Texas Woman’s University in Denton and earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence from Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University. Congresswoman Garcia has been a long advocate for protecting the nation’s most vulnerable communities and continues to use her professional experience as a social worker to advance agendas in Congress to ensure no one is forgotten.



Speakers Bios



Dr. Keita Franklin

Dr. Keita M. Franklin is Psych Hub's, Chief Clinical Officer. In this capacity, she serves as a key member of the executive team overseeing the development and production of all clinical content for Psych Hub's ever-expanding repository of evidence-based practices for the Psych Hub learning platform. A nationally recognized expert, Dr. Franklin, ensures all clinical content is on the cutting edge of the intersection between health care and information technology. Key to Psych Hub's goal of revolutionizing how mental health care education and training is delivered, Dr. Franklin leads the esteemed Psych Hub, clinical team, ensuring all Psych Hub products are evidence-based and trauma-informed.

Dr. Franklin has spent her 25 plus year career driving complex organizational change in the federal sector, improving the systems that provide care for our Nation's military, family members, and veteran populations.

Before joining Psych Hub, Dr. Franklin served as a senior executive at both the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Department of Defense. In these roles, Dr. Franklin served as the principal advisor to Department leadership for all matters on suicide prevention, and she is widely credited with leading a transformative, enterprise-wide shift from a crisis intervention posture to an upstream, broad public policy approach focused on continuous surveillance and early prevention. Dr. Franklin was also responsible for leading a multi-disciplined team of experts in advancing evidence-based prevention practices for over 20 million Veterans and reaching our Nation's heroes wherever they live, work, thrive, and receive care. A poised and articulate communicator of strategic messaging, Dr. Franklin has been frequently asked to testify before committees in both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate and led numerous caucus roundtable discussions with members of Congress.

While serving as a senior executive within the Department of Defense, Dr. Franklin was responsible for suicide prevention policy, programs, and oversight. During her tenure, she conducted a first-of-its-kind comprehensive, program review and authored new DoD policy directives and instructions, optimizing higher headquarter guidance for all military service branches. She also chaired several DoD senior leader committees charged with developing solutions for vexing mental health issues impacting our service members and their families.

While leading in the Department of Defense, Dr. Franklin was responsible for bolstering relationships with both the private and public sector in the advancement of key suicide prevention initiatives. An experienced leader of large programs, she proved critical during congressional-level advocacy for budget and programming activities while simultaneously directing a multi-million-dollar research and evaluation program. Her efforts resulted in high-quality service delivery for active duty, reserve, and National Guard members and their families.

Dr. Franklin is a licensed social worker with a specialization in children and families. She earned a Ph.D. in social work with specialized training and certifications from the Center for



Advancement of Research Methods and Analysis (CARMA). Dr. Franklin began her career in child welfare and has dedicated much of her work to researching the impact of wartime trauma and post-traumatic stress on families. She serves on several national panels, including the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention. Dr. Franklin has received numerous federal and civilian awards for her efforts leading military, family, mental health, and suicide prevention programs. Dr. Franklin has published work in the areas of military social work, child abuse, domestic violence, suicide prevention, and substance abuse. She and has served as an adjunct professor in the graduate programs at Virginia Commonwealth University and George Mason University. Dr. Franklin holds certificates from Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education on “Leading Large Organizational Change” and Women in Leadership” as well as the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Kenan-Flagler Business School course on “Executive Leadership.”

Dr. Carla Thornton

Dr. Carla J. Thornton is a City Councilmember and was elected to her first four-year term in December 2018 and is the first African-American woman to serve on the Council. Her policy priorities are homelessness; roads and infrastructure; City beautification; business development; and veterans affairs. She is an Assistant Professor at California Baptist University, where she specializes in teaching social work policy, political social work and social work management and leadership.

Dr. Thornton earned a Master of Arts degree in Management at the University of Redlands, and a Master of Social Work degree and a Doctorate of Social Work at the University of Southern California. Her doctoral research focused on women veterans and economic development.

Dr. Thornton understands women veterans, having proudly served her country as a member of the United States Air Force for 20 years. She deployed twice in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and retired at the rank of Master Sergeant.

As a Moreno Valley Councilwoman, she serves as a member of the Southern California Edison Advisory Panel; the League of California Cities Housing, Community & Economic Development Committee and serves as Co-Chair of the Department of Veteran Affairs Inland Empire Community Veterans Engagement Board.

Prior to being elected to the City Council, Dr. Thornton was already an active member of her community chairing both the Moreno Valley Traffic Safety Commission and the City’s Environmental and Historical Preservation Board.

Lastly, Dr. Thornton has substantial presentation experience and has presented at the National Association of Christian Social Workers-California Chapter, The Fair Housing Council Professional Conference, California Community College Veterans Summit and the State of the American Veteran Conference.



CRISP Student Leadership Team:

Stacey Baxter



Stacey Baxter is a Foundation Year Student in the Masters of Social Work program at The Catholic University of America. She is in the combined (clinical and macro) track for Social Work and is extremely passionate about affecting positive change as it relates to social justice and equity.

Stacey is currently an intern with District of Columbia Public Schools at Phelps ACE Senior High School and in her advanced year placement she will be interning at Rising for Justice in Washington, DC.

Stacey has found purpose in helping to improve and empower individuals in all aspects of their lives and looks forward to participating in her first Advocacy Day.

Raldina Bredy



Raldina Bredy is an Advanced Standing MSW candidate from New Jersey. She is a macro-focused student, who seeks to specialize in Global Social Work. She believes that Professional Development is an important and evolving part of the social work profession. As a Policy and Management intern, Raldina has assisted with the Rutgers Mandela Washington Fellowship, Civic Leadership Institute. She served as the Co-Copy Editor for the Rutgers Miami Collaborations Journal. Additionally, she was a Program Assistant for the John J. Heldrich Workforce Center's Annual Diversity Forum for the public and private sector. Her interest in Global Social Work increased after facilitating a Rutgers Johnson & Johnson Byrne Seminar, in which funds were raised for a Mini-Library Project in Kenya. Raldina aided in the creation of a Rutgers TEDx presentation dedicated to reconciliation and social justice, which was inspired by her mentor's interactions with global leaders such as Nelson Mandela. She currently serves as NYU Silver's Career & Professional Development MSW Intern.

Yasmin Campos-Mendez



Yasmin Campos-Mendez is from Ivanhoe, California and will be graduating with an MSW from Columbia University's School of Social Work in NYC, May 2020. She is a public policy fellow from Columbia, and specifically researches domestic violence policies on the federal level at the National Network to End Domestic Violence. Additionally, she is furthering her research on immigrant survivors in the US by doing data analysis at American University, Washington College of Law for the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP). At NIWAP, she is looking at how the U Visa and VAWA Self-Petitions improve immigrant survivors' lives.



Carrie Cole



Carrie Cole is a Bail Disruptor at The Bail Project in Louisville, Kentucky. Prior to joining The Bail Project, Carrie has worked at the Kentucky State Cabinet of Health and Family Services, as a Family Advocate for Head Start families, as a youth counselor at a therapeutic residential facility, and with Kentucky Refugee Ministries. She received her undergraduate degree in Social Work at the University of Louisville's Kent School of Social Work. She is currently working towards her Masters of Science degree in social work from the Kent School and will graduate in May of 2020. Since August of 2019, she has worked with The Bail Project as her Masters Practicum placement. Upon graduation, she hopes to pursue a career in policy change and advocacy surrounding criminals.

Veltiandra Cotton



Veltiandra Cotton is originally from Gary, Indiana and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Youth Development from Indiana University Bloomington. Veltiandra is currently a second year Master of Social Work at Howard University candidate with a Direct Practice concentration and a specialization in Criminal Justice. Although Veltiandra's emphasis is in micro social work, she plans to utilize her direct practice skills to effectively advocate for policy changes.

Emily Hopkins



Emily Hopkins is a second year MSW student focusing on Social Policy and Evaluation at the University of Michigan School of Social Work. At Michigan, Emily discovered her passion for policy and political social work after attending Student Advocacy Day on the Hill in 2019. Since then, Emily has worked to hone her skills in policy advocacy and become involved in local political efforts. Emily is a finalist for the Presidential Management Fellowship and hopes to continue advocating for social justice while working for the federal government.

Laura Kuhn



Laura Kuhn is an MSW student at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. She's pursuing higher education after a couple of moves around the country and several years working in non-profit with military families. She has her undergraduate degree in journalism from Syracuse University. Laura lives in Baltimore with her husband and their rescue pup, Waffle.



Sazha Ramos



Sazha Ramos is an Asian American woman and Navy veteran in recovery from a substance use disorder. Ramos is the co-founder of two recovery residences in Louisiana. She is the Manager of Recovery Housing for the national nonprofit SAFE Project to develop the first-ever national recovery housing locator. She also supports the SAFE Veterans initiative. Ramos served in the US Navy as an Information Systems Technician. Prior to her work at SAFE, she interned for the Association of Recovery in Higher Education and the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Quality of Life programs. She has also worked for the Chief of Naval Operations, Awards Board, the Department of Veterans Affairs Interagency Care and Benefits Coordination and the Wounded Warrior Program that places veterans in

Congressional member's districts.

Ramos graduated from Northern Arizona University with a Bachelors in Applied Human Behavior and is currently a graduate student at Rutgers University for her Masters of Social Work. Sazha attributes her professional and personal achievements to a strong foundation in collegiate recovery, Navy disciplines, and her spiritual practice.

In her free time, Sazha practices Kundalini yoga as a path to recovery and loves being in nature.

Abigail Rose



Abigail Rose is a second year International Social Welfare Policy candidate from Columbia University's School of Social Work, specializing in quantitative research and analysis. She is the 2nd Year Co-Chair of CSSW's Policy Caucus and a member of CRISP's Student Leadership Team. Abigail is currently placed at the International Rescue Committee as a data and policy analyst, focusing on refugee integration in the Balkans region of Europe. Abigail is also the Major Gifts Officer and Director of Communications at the Council of Peoples Organization in Brooklyn, serving the South Asian Muslim community of Midwood. Her

passions are in domestic violence advocacy, awareness, and policy, and she focuses the majority of her research at the IRC and CSSW around these topics. She currently sits on the Young Professionals Board for Day One in New York, advocating for awareness and prevention of teenage domestic violence. She is also a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the American Anthropological Society.

Farhana Shafi



Farhana Shafi is a graduate student at Columbia University pursuing her Master of Social Work in the advanced standing program and is expected to graduate in May of 2020. She currently works at the House of Representatives as a Congressional Fellow for Congresswoman Barbara Lee. She went to George Mason University for her undergrad and got a Bachelor of Social Work. She has worked with a variety of organizations that have tackled some of the most pressing social justice issues and is committed to fighting all forms of injustices.



Chrisna-Ann Stair



Chrisna-Ann Stair was originally from Kingston, Jamaica and grew up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania most of her life. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Science and Health Services from Jefferson University. She is currently in her first year Master of Social Work and Social Research program at Bryn Mawr College, candidate of Community Practice, and Policy and Advocacy concentration. Chrisna plans to utilize direct practice skills to effectively advocate for policy changes.