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This Week



Reminder: there are no classes on Tuesday, November 5.

BSSA Post-Election Q&A

Wednesday, November 6

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Baker School, Toyota Auditorium

Join BSSA for a post-election guided Q&A session with Dr. Andy Busch and Dr. Bill Lyons to discuss the election results. Please bring questions. Dress is casual, and light snacks will be provided.

Energy & Environment Forum: Energy Transitions Facing the Tennessee Valley and the Industry

Thursday, November 7

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Baker School, Toyota Auditorium

The energy system is the most complex and far-reaching machine that has ever been built by humans. Today's fast-paced world is putting extreme pressure on energy system structures due to rapidly evolving technology, social changes, and changing consumers across all aspects of life.

This seminar by TVA Vice President of Innovation and Research Joe Hoagland will delve into the complexities of today's power system and explore the pressures and changes needed, as well as the impacts on the physical evolution of the grid and the business and regulatory models needed for success.

Next Week

Big Orange Give is Coming

Wednesday, November 13

Support what you love about UT on Wednesday, November 13. Give to the Baker School and BSSA during Big Orange Give and help us reach our goal of 100 donors. Stop by the Baker School to give in person and enjoy free food and other fun surprises.

Small Group Opportunities for Students

Tuesday, November 12

Baker School

Join us for a small group networking opportunity with **Barbara McQuade** or **Jim Hake**. Barbara McQuade is a professor of practice at Michigan Law

and previously served as the US Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Jim Hake is the founder and CEO of the nonprofit Spirit of America.

These are two separate small group opportunities. Please sign up for them by following the link below. More information on times, dress code, and location can be found on the sign up sheet.

[Sign Up Here!](#)

America's Most Powerful Weapon

Tuesday, November 12

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Baker School, Toyota Auditorium

America faces growing threats from authoritarian regimes aiming to discredit, destabilize, and ultimately destroy free societies and supplant America's leadership with their own. This is because our adversaries fear the very idea of America. Authoritarian regimes like Russia, China, and Iran are threatened by a government of the people, for the people, and by the people with liberty and justice for all.

To prevail, we must harness all of America's strengths, including the power of the American people. Jim Hake, founder, and CEO of Spirit of America, will discuss how this approach is producing an asymmetric impact in defending Ukraine against Russia's aggression, deterring China's aggression in Taiwan, and countering terrorism in the Middle East and West Africa.

[Register Here!](#)

The Southeast Conservation Blueprint: Lessons from 10 Years of Collaborative Spatial Planning and Action

Thursday, November 14

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Baker School, Toyota Auditorium

Urban growth, climate change, and increasing demand for renewable energy are rapidly changing the landscape of the Southeastern U.S. Supporting thriving fishing and wildlife populations and improved quality of life for people will require new ways of working together across spatial scales.

This seminar by Southeast Conservation Blueprint coordinator Rua Moredecai will discuss the latest methods for the Blueprint, examples of its use at multiple spatial scales, and lessons learned from more than 10 years of development and support.

BSSA Professionalism Workshop

Friday, November 15

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Baker School, Toyota Auditorium

Join BSSA to talk about resumes, cover letters, LinkedIn, professionalism, and general etiquette. An opportunity to update your headshot will also be available before and after the workshop.

Additional Opportunities

Local Government Interns

Applications are due Friday, November 22.

The Local Government Intern Program is an opportunity for students to gain experience in a local government agency or organization. Previous placements include the City of Knoxville Sustainability Office, Knoxville Chamber, and Knox County Health Department.

All current Public Affairs majors are welcome to apply. Internships span 100 hours over the Spring semester. Opportunities for academic credit are also available. The application link can be found below.

[**Apply Here!**](#)

Congressional Internship Program

Information Session on Thursday, November 7.

4:00 p.m.

Baker School, Room 118

Applications are due Wednesday, November 13

The Congressional Internship Program is an experiential learning program designed to enhance students' opportunities to gain professional experience in Washington, D.C., with a member of Congress, a Congressional Committee, a federal agency, or a non-governmental organization.

Students selected to participate will be nominated for an internship and receive support from the Baker School in securing one. Acceptance into the program does not guarantee an internship; students are responsible for applying for internships. Students selected to participate and who receive an internship will be eligible for housing provided by the University of Tennessee at George Washington University.

More information can be found below.

[Click Here for More Info!](#)

Undergraduate Research Opportunities

Are you interested in participating in undergraduate research at the Baker School?

Our new Undergraduate Research Assistant interest form is available to indicate your interest in supporting Baker School faculty with current or future research projects. Typical Research Assistant responsibilities include content analysis, data entry, coding, and reading or synthesizing information.

For specific questions, please reach out to Dr. Ring at jring7@utk.edu.

Click below to fill out the interest form.

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