



## Resilience AmeriCorps Academy

October 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

### October 19<sup>th</sup>

Time	Activity
4:00 PM	<b>Travel Time and Dinner</b>
6:30 PM	<b>Administration Welcome</b> <p><u>Paulette Aniskoff</u> is Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. Prior to joining OPE she served as Director of Individual and Community Preparedness at the Federal Emergency Management Agency. In that role she partnered with non-profits, community organizations and governments to promote effective disaster planning at the local level. Paulette also chaired FEMA's Children's Working Group, seeking to ensure that disaster preparedness adequately addressed children's needs. Before FEMA, Paulette served in the Office of Presidential Personnel, where she worked to place candidates in positions throughout the executive branch.</p> <p>Paulette came to the administration after working for then-Senator Obama during his 2008 presidential campaign. She was his Get Out the Vote Director in Iowa and a number of other primary and caucus states, and served as the campaign's Pennsylvania Field Director in the general election. Paulette had previously run her own New York-based political consulting business, working with U.S. Senators, Members of Congress, philanthropists and issue advocacy organizations. She is a graduate of the University of Colorado at Boulder.</p> <p><u>Ali Zaidi</u> is the White House Office of Management and Budget's Associate Director for Natural Resources, Energy, and Science. In this role, Zaidi leads a team of policy and budget experts overseeing a wide array of policy, budget and management issues across a nearly \$100 billion portfolio and a number of federal agencies including the Departments of Energy, Agriculture, and the Interior; the Environmental Protection Agency; the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; the Army Corps of Engineers' civil works; and the National Science Foundation. Zaidi brings to the position a strong background in the design and implementation of federal policies and the development of public and private sector partnerships to increase U.S. energy security and cut harmful carbon pollution. In his previous role, as the Domestic Policy Council's Deputy Director for Energy Policy, Zaidi handled a wide range of issues on the White House's domestic policy team. His portfolio covered policy matters related to supply of and demand for energy - including policies that reduce our dependence on foreign oil by promoting responsible federal-lands production and adoption of alternative fuels; and policies that create jobs by advancing research and deployment of clean energy and energy efficiency technologies - as well as the intersection of these matters with the President's Climate Action Plan. Since February 2009, Zaidi has served in a number of roles within the Obama Administration: Before his position at the White House Domestic Policy Council, he served as senior director for Cabinet Affairs at the White House. Zaidi has also served as a policy aide to the U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu and as special projects coordinator at the White House Office of Management and Budget.</p>

Asim Mishra is Chief of Staff at the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), serves as a senior advisor to the CEO, provides a leadership role to senior staff, and guidance on broad policy issues and key Administration and agency relationships. Asim came to Washington D.C. to serve in the Obama Administration as Deputy Chief of Staff at CNCS in April, 2010.

Prior to CNCS, Asim served as Director of the Urban Health Initiative (UHI) at the University of Chicago Medical Center (UCMC), where he directed a key institutional initiative to improve health outcomes through strategic partnerships and led several medical center departments and community partners to implement community-based models of practice. As a part of the UHI, Asim also directed the operations for South Side Healthcare Collaborative, a partnership of 19 community health centers and the UCMC emergency department. While there, he also spearheaded the development of external volunteer programs to connect UCMC staff, faculty and medical students to the neighboring Southside community.

Previously, Asim was a Community Education Manager at the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago and, perhaps mostly importantly, an AmeriCorps member at Public Allies in Chicago.

- 7:15 PM**                    **Icebreakers**
- 8:00 PM**                    **Pictures**
- 8:30 PM**                    **West Wing Tours**

**October 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Time**

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**8:00 AM**                    **Breakfast and Welcome**

Sister Donna Markham, President and CEO of Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), is the first woman to hold this position in the organization’s 105-year history. An Adrian Dominican sister with a doctorate in clinical psychology, Sister Donna served on CCUSA’s Board of Trustees for eight years, two of which were as Board Chair. In addition, she has served in leadership positions in behavioral healthcare both in Canada and the US and is an internationally-recognized author and speaker in areas pertaining to transformational leadership, organizational change management and the effective treatment of the mentally ill.

Sister Donna received her doctorate from the University of Detroit and has been involved in executive leadership development, organizational transformation and community formation throughout her professional career. She serves as adjunct faculty at the Center for Nonprofit Management at Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management. Prior to coming to CCUSA she served as president of the Behavioral Health Institute at Mercy Health System where she led the transformation of the delivery of behavioral health services across the seven geographic regions of the health system.

Sister Donna is a Fellow in the American Academy of Clinical Psychologists. In addition to executive management and clinical work, Sister Donna is engaged in global peace initiatives directed toward building bridges of understanding and collaboration across conflict zones.

**8:15 AM                    The Global Resilience Academy Model**

**8:30 AM                    Why Does Resilience AmeriCorps Matter?**

John Kelly currently serves in the Obama Administration as the Deputy Chief of Staff at the Corporation for National and Community Service, where he focuses on developing innovative cross-sector partnerships to tackle community issues and expand opportunities to serve. Under John's strategic leadership, the agency has formed over 20 new partnerships, which have brought in over \$60 million and created high-impact service opportunities for more than 10,000 additional AmeriCorps members. These new initiatives include Resilience AmeriCorps, STEM AmeriCorps, Justice AmeriCorps, and School Turnaround AmeriCorps.

John also served the Obama Administration in the White House Domestic Policy Council, where he was responsible for strategy development and implementation of signature initiatives around education and mentoring, interfaith service and cooperation, jobs and economic development, and veterans and military families.

Previously, John worked at the Democratic National Committee, focused on stakeholder engagement; at the Congressional Hunger Center, on leadership development and public policy to end poverty; and at the University of Miami, on community service and student affairs.

**9:00 AM                    Extreme Events Game**

**10:00 AM                  Introduction to Risk and Resilience Concepts**

Sandy Eslinger is a Policy Analyst with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Sandy's current work with the Office for Coastal Management focuses on building the resilience capacity of coastal states and communities through pre-disaster planning and post-disaster recovery. Prior to joining NOAA, Sandy was with the Department of Defense where she coordinated community engagement in military planning and risk management programs. In addition to her federal service experience, Sandy also has a strong background in state and local planning. She has worked as a transportation planner and planning director for regional planning councils and has worked at the state level in managing hazards planning and mitigation programs. Sandy's graduate degree is in public administration with an emphasis in community and regional planning.

**10:45 AM                  Understanding Risk Exercise Module**

**12:30 PM                  Lunch and Disaster Resilience Presentation**

Rev. David L. Myers directs the Center for Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. He was appointed by President Obama in May 2009. The DHS Center is one of 13 such centers in the federal government affiliated with the White House Office of Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships, directed by Ms. Melissa Rogers. David also serves as Senior Advisor to FEMA Administrator, Mr. Craig Fugate. As the center director, David oversees the development and delivery of its main programs through a staff of five. The center

develops relationships, builds bridges, and partnership opportunities between DHS & FEMA programs and faith-based and community organizations, specifically among ethnic, cultural, and religious minority communities and traditions. Program areas include building resilience with diverse communities, combating human trafficking, and preparing houses of worship for times of crisis. In addition, David regularly deploys to disasters and emergencies to assist the White House and FEMA's engagement with faith-based groups. Prior to his appointment, David led congregations, faith-based, and community organizations for more than 25 years, and served on a number of national, state, and city boards and committees. David is a father and grandfather, an ordained Mennonite minister, with a M.Div. from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and a B.S. from Portland State University.

Katrina French is the Special Initiatives Program Officer for the Disaster Services Unit with the Corporation for National and Community Service. Ms. French previously served as both a Corps Member and Team Leader for AmeriCorps NCCC, and as an AmeriCorps VISTA. Ms. French responded to the Mississippi 2011 tornado outbreak and flooding, the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, Hurricane Sandy, Yukon River flooding, and many other events. Due to her work in Mississippi Oil Spill Recovery, Ms. French was named a Champion of Change by the White House in 2011. Ms. French now uses her experience in the field to support greater partnership, coordination, and training and technical assistance, at the national level, to support communities prepare, respond, and recover from disaster.

**1:15 PM**

**Engaging Whole Community**

**2:45 PM**

**Break**

**3:00 PM**

**Developing Resilience Strategies and Projects: Case Study + Q/A**

Chelsea Muller is a Senior Program Manager at the NY Governor's Office of Storm Recovery, where she helped develop and launch the first-of-its-kind NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program, a community-driven resiliency planning and implementation effort in disaster-impacted localities. Now focused on implementation, Chelsea administers a portfolio of the resulting projects rooted in a holistic view of resiliency, and supervises the organization's Resilience AmeriCorps program. Prior to joining New York State, Chelsea served as the Executive Director of Rebuilding Together NYC, a nonprofit organization for safe and healthy housing, providing repairs and modifications to low-income homes and nonprofit facilities. Previously she was Program Director for Rebuilding Together South Sound Tacoma, Washington. Before joining the nonprofit sector, she worked in the media industry in Nevada and Oregon.

Sara Chin is currently serving as a Resilience AmeriCorps VISTA at the NY Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR). Sara holds a bachelor's degree in Environmental Resources Engineering from SUNY Environmental Science & Forestry, where she took an interest in water quality, waste management, and land remediation. Inspired to alleviate disparities in global resource management, Sara joined her school's Engineers Without Borders chapter, where she organized fundraisers, observed NGO operations through travel to various countries, and helped to construct projects such as a composting toilet. Before joining GOSR, Sara served as a green infrastructure intern with New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, and worked on a Long Island organic farm that donates a portion of its harvest to a homeless shelter.

Leigh Scudder is currently serving as a Resilience AmeriCorps VISTA at the NY Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR). Leigh graduated from Western Connecticut State University with a bachelor's in History, and holds a certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) from Penn State University. Motivated to solve problems faces by people in both the built and natural

environment, Leigh is pursuing a career in Urban Planning. Before serving in Resilience AmeriCorps, Leigh held several leadership positions, including President of WCSU's Jane Goodall Roots & Shoots organization, where he organized events, led volunteer efforts, and liaised with campus leadership. Leigh also gained experience advocating for land use and environmental issues as an intern with the Sierra Club, and Center for Environmental Health.

**3:30 PM**                      **Developing Action Plans Exercise Module**

**5:30 PM**                      **Closing Remarks**

## **October 21<sup>st</sup>**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
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<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Breakfast and Introduction to Federal Resource Fair</b>
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Max Finberg has dedicated his career to serving others, especially hungry people. He has a wide range of experience in the government, non-profit, and political arenas. Currently Max is the Director of AmeriCorps VISTA. Formerly, Max served as the Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture and coordinates two Secretarial initiatives: StrikeForce, USDA's initiative for rural growth and opportunity, and Cultural Transformation, focused on creating a 21st Century workforce that is diverse and inclusive. USDA administers programs that benefit one in five Americans with nutrition assistance, contribute to rural development, promote environmental stewardship and feed hungry people around the world.

He recently finished assignments at the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, as a Senior Policy Advisor within President Obama's Domestic Policy Council, as well as Acting Director of USDA's Office of Tribal Relations, working with American Indians. In May 2009, he was appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to direct USDA's Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. The Center builds partnerships between USDA and faith-based and secular organizations to better serve individuals, families and communities.

Previously, he was the first director of the Alliance to End Hunger, a non-profit organization that engages diverse institutions in building the public will to end hunger, both in the United States and worldwide. The Alliance connects U.S. businesses, religious bodies, charities, and foundations to change the politics of hunger.

Prior to joining the Alliance, Mr. Finberg served Ambassador and former Representative Tony Hall (D-OH) for 12 years in a variety of capacities. He was special assistant to the ambassador at the U.S. Mission to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome, Italy. Mr. Finberg was also a senior legislative assistant covering domestic hunger and poverty issues for Representative Hall. He worked on the successful passage of The Hunger Relief Act and the Community Solutions Act with a variety of anti-poverty and faith-based organizations.

Rachel Jacobson: Rachel works to understand and help people adapt to climate and environmental change. She is on contract through The Baldwin Group to NOAA and CNCS, where she manages training and technical assistance and creates program design for Resilience AmeriCorps. In 2015, Rachel was a Knauss Marine Policy Fellow in NOAA's Office of Program Planning and Integration, working to catalyze social science across the agency. Previously, Rachel

supported the Climate and Energy team at the White House Council on Environmental Quality in developing and rolling out President Obama’s Climate Action Plan. Rachel was also a researcher at the Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute, a corporate social responsibility consultant, and an AmeriCorps State and National member with the Washington Conservation Corps. She received her B.A., M.P.P, and M.S. degrees from the University of Michigan, and holds a Certificate in Environmental Law and Regulation from the University of Washington.

**9:00 AM**

**Federal Resource Fair**

**11:00 AM**

**Planning Debrief**

Jainey K. Bavishi is the Associate Director for Climate Preparedness at the White House Council on Environmental Quality. In this role, she leads the implementation of the climate preparedness pillar of the President’s Climate Action Plan. In the final year of the Obama Administration, Jainey is responsible for embedding and institutionalizing climate resilience considerations across Federal programs and policies; advancing climate equity to address the disproportionate impacts of climate change on low-income and other vulnerable communities; and developing innovative approaches to climate adaptation finance.

Most recently, Jainey served as the Executive Director of R3ADY Asia-Pacific based in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she was responsible for initiating, expanding and managing the start-up public-private partnership, which focused on enhancing disaster risk reduction and resilience in the Asia-Pacific region.

Previously, Jainey served as the Director of External Affairs and Senior Policy Advisor to the Administrator at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Washington, DC. Jainey was also the founding director of the Equity and Inclusion Campaign, a coalition of community-based leaders in the Gulf Coast region that focused on recovery from Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike, at the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation. Jainey has a masters degree in city planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and bachelors degree in public policy and cultural anthropology from Duke University.

**11:45 AM**

**Project Implementation Plan Presentations and Critiques (Part 1)**

**12:30 PM**

**Lunch**

**1:15 PM**

**Project Implementation Plan Presentations and Critiques (Part 2)**

**2:30 PM**

**Closing Remarks**