



Communicating Science to Policy Makers

Science Communication for Translational Researchers

Wednesday, May 25th: 4:00-5:30pm

Speaker 1: Kit Batten, Executive Director, Policy Institute for Energy, Environment and the Economy



Kit Batten is Director for the Policy Institute for Energy, Environment and the Economy. In 2011, Batten was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as global climate change coordinator for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Prior to USAID, Batten served as a senior science and policy fellow and program director at the H. John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics and the Environment; as a science advisor to the deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior; and as senior fellow/managing director for energy and environmental policy at the Center for American Progress. She also held positions in the offices of Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Senator Joseph Lieberman (I-CT). Batten earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Oberlin College and master's and doctoral degrees in ecology from UC Davis.

Speaker 2: Deborah Ortiz, CEO, Opening Doors, Inc



Deborah Ortiz became CEO of Opening Doors at the beginning of 2016. Opening Doors resettles refugee families by providing shelter, food and clothing within the first three months of their arrival, and offers microenterprise and financial literacy services to people in need.

Ortiz has served on the Sacramento City Council, the California State Assembly and the State Senate. Deborah served as Vice President for two major health care organizations -- Planned Parenthood Mar Monte and the California Primary Care Association.

Deborah grew up in Oak Park, attended the University of California at Davis and graduated from McGeorge School of Law. Ortiz has served as an elected trustee and President of the Board of the Los Rios Community College District since 2010.

Location: All sessions will be held in the Clinical and Translational Science Center, 2921 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, Room 1444 - from 4–5:30 p.m.

Please RSVP: Barbara Gale, M.A. at bjgale@ucdavis.edu

Seminar Topics

April 13

Community groups

Jan Nolte, Institute for Regenerative Cures, Jared Shaw, Chemistry

April 20

Research partners and participants

Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, Center For Reducing Health Disparities; Karen Andrade, Environmental Health Sciences

May 4

Media I: Radio, TV, print and Internet

Sarah Perrault, University Writing Program
Charles Casey, Public Affairs

May 11

Media II: Radio, TV, print, and internet

Beth Ruyak, Capital Public Radio "Insight"; Paul Knoepfler, Cell Biology and Human Anatomy

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Traci Galbaugh, Foundations; Sandra Shewry, California Health Care Foundation

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