

17th Annual

Federal Government Statewide Conference

June 22, 2022 | In Person
June 23, 2022 | Virtual

"Rising to the Challenge for a New Tomorrow"

WELCOME

Welcome to the 17th Annual Federal Government Statewide Conference!

Welcome to the 17th Annual Federal Government Statewide Conference at Florida International University (FIU). I am proud to serve as this year's Federal Government Conference Planning Committee Chair and to share the wonderful work the planning committee accomplished to make this conference a success.



We are excited to host this year's conference in person and virtually. Despite challenges brought on by COVID-19, our mission to continue bringing federal agencies, students, alumni, and community stakeholders together for this annual conference remains a priority. We are adapting to this fast-changing landscape and "Rising to the Challenge for a New Tomorrow." This year's in-person conference (on June 22) will allow participants to network face-to-face, and it brings back the energy that we had before the pandemic! We also encourage you to participate in the virtual sessions taking place June 23.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about federal government hiring, internships and career opportunities, and network with federal agency hiring managers. The conference planning committee and Career and Talent Development encourage participants to ask us questions during the conference. Thank you for your participation. We are certain you will find this conference informative, rewarding, and motivating.

This conference is a success due to the federal agency representatives who are here today in person and virtually. On behalf of the planning committee, I thank you for supporting FIU, its students and alumni, and the local community participants attending the conference.

Nelly C. Leon
Associate Director
Career and Talent Development

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

James-Denton (JD) Wyllie, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)



James-Denton (JD) Wyllie serves as the Executive Director of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research's (CDER) Office of Communications (OCOMM), where he manages CDER's public outreach and internal communications programs. His expertise includes public affairs program management, strategic communications planning, organizational marketing, digital communication operations, stakeholder outreach, media relations and crisis communications.

Before joining CDER, Mr. Wyllie served as Director for the Office of Communications at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Research Service (ARS) – the nation's premiere agricultural research agency. At ARS, he led communication efforts to inform the public about USDA-led solutions to global agricultural challenges and gained support for agency programs among the media, industry, Congress and other ARS stakeholders.

Prior to his time at USDA, Mr. Wyllie served as Deputy Director for the U.S. Navy Office of Information's External Communications Division, overseeing headquarter digital engagement operations and leading global strategy development for online and social media outreach and content marketing.

Mr. Wyllie also previously served as the Marketing Officer for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and as the Command Information Officer for the U.S. Army's Fort McPherson and Fort Gillem.

Mr. Wyllie holds a bachelor's degree in public relations from Florida International University and has earned Certificates of Mastery from the executive leadership programs at the Federal Executive Institute and American University. He is a U.S. Army veteran, completing public affairs missions in the Philippines, Honduras, Alaska and Afghanistan. Mr. Wyllie is a member of the Senior Executive Service.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22ND | GC BALLROOMS

9:30AM - 10:00AM

Check In

Arrive Promptly

10:00AM - 10:30AM

Conference Opening Welcome

Speaker: Dr. Bridgette Cram, Interim Vice President for Innovative Education and Student Success, Division of Academic & Student Affairs

10:30AM - 11:15AM

Keynote Speaker

*Speaker: James-Denton (JD) Wyllie,
U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)*

11:15AM - 11:20AM

Conference Welcome

Welcome: Dr. Ruth E. Pacheco, Executive Director, Integrated Industry Partnerships and Career Readiness, Division of Academic & Student Affairs

11:15AM - 12:30PM

Navigating usajobs.gov & Federal Resume

Speaker: DeShan Mingo King, U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPS)

12:30PM - 1:15PM

Lunch

CONFERENCE AGENDA (CONT'D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22ND | GC BALLROOMS

1:30PM - 2:30PM

PANEL: STEM Careers in the Federal Government

*Agencies: Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI),
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA),
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),
USDA Forest Service*

**PANEL: Criminal Justice Careers in the
Federal Government**

*Agencies: FBI, U.S. Homeland Security Investigations,
Federal Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Capitol Police*

**PANEL: Calling ALL MAJORS:
Careers in the Federal Government**

*Agencies: FBI, USDA,
U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID),*

2:40PM - 3:40PM

PANEL: Myth v. Reality of Landing a Federal Job

*Agencies: FBI, Keesler Airforce Base,
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

PANEL: Student Internship/Fellowship Panel

*Agencies: FBI, U.S. Homeland Security Investigations,
U.S. Minority Business Development Agency,
White House Council on Environmental Quality*

PANEL: Humanities Careers in Federal Government

*Agencies: FBI, Internal Revenue Service (IRS),
National Endowment for the Arts, National Park Service*

4:00PM - 6:00PM

Resource Fair

*After the panel discussions on government employment, we hold a resource fair -
a kind of career fair strictly for government employment.*

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THURSDAY, JUNE 23RD | VIRTUAL

11:00AM - 12:00PM

PANEL: Becoming a Political Appointee in the Federal Government

Guest Speaker: The White House

12:30PM - 1:30PM

PANEL: Put Your Law Degree to Work in the Federal Government

*Agency: FBI, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC),
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), IRS*

2:00PM - 3:00PM

PANEL: Veterans in the Federal Government

*Agencies: National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency,
U.S. Office of Personnel Management*

3:30PM - 4:30PM

PANEL: Intelligence Fellowship Alumni

Agencies: TBA

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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) - The ATF protects the public from crimes involving firearms, explosives, arson, and the diversion of alcohol and tobacco products; regulates lawful commerce in firearms and explosives; and provides worldwide support to law enforcement, public safety, and industry partners.



Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) - The CIA is a civilian foreign intelligence service of the federal government of the United States, officially tasked with gathering, processing, and analyzing national security information from around the world, primarily through the use of human intelligence (HUMINT) and performing covert actions.



Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) - The mission of the FBI is to protect and defend against intelligence threats, uphold and enforce criminal laws, and provide criminal justice services.



Federal Bureau of Prisons - The agency was established in 1930 to provide more progressive and humane care for federal inmates, to professionalize the prison service, and to ensure consistent and centralized administration of federal prisons.



FEMA

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - The agency's primary purpose is to coordinate the response to a disaster that has occurred in the United States and that overwhelms the resources of local and state authorities. The governor of the state in which the disaster occurs must declare a state of emergency and formally request from the President that FEMA and the federal government respond to the disaster.



Food and Drug Administration (FDA) - The FDA is responsible for protecting and promoting public health through the control and supervision of food safety, tobacco products, dietary supplements, prescription and over-the-counter pharmaceutical drugs (medications), vaccines, biopharmaceuticals, blood transfusions, medical devices, electromagnetic radiation emitting devices (ERED), cosmetics, animal foods & feed and veterinary products.



Homeland Security Investigation - Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) is the principal investigative component of DHS and is responsible for investigating, disrupting, and dismantling transnational criminal organizations (TCOs) and terrorist networks that threaten or seek to exploit the customs and immigration laws of the United States.

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Internal Revenue Service (IRS) - The IRS is the revenue service for the United States federal government, which is responsible for collecting taxes and administering the Internal Revenue Code, the main body of the federal statutory tax law.



Keesler Air Force Base - Keesler Air Force Base is a United States Air Force base located in Biloxi, a city along the Gulf Coast in Harrison County, Mississippi, United States. The base is named in honor of aviator 2d Lt Samuel Reeves Keesler Jr., a Mississippi native killed in France during the First World War.



Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) - MBDA's stated mission is to promote the growth and competitiveness of minority-owned businesses by providing access to capital, access to contracts and access to market opportunities - both domestic and global. The main feature of the organization and its site is to provide business consulting services to minority business owners.



National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) - The NEA is an independent agency of the United States federal government that offers support and funding for projects exhibiting artistic excellence.



National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) - The NGA is a combat support agency within the United States Department of Defense whose primary mission is collecting, analyzing, and distributing geospatial intelligence (GEOINT) in support of national security. Delivers world-class geospatial intelligence that provides a decisive advantage to policymakers, warfighters, intelligence professionals and first responders.



National Park Service (NPS) - The NPS is an agency of the United States federal government that manages all national parks, most national monuments, and other natural, historical, and recreational properties with various title designations.



The White House - The White House is the official residence and workplace of the president of the United States. It is located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW in Washington, D.C., and has been the residence of every U.S. president since John Adams in 1800.

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The White House - Council on Environmental Quality - The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is a division of the Executive Office of the President that coordinates federal environmental efforts in the United States and works closely with agencies and other White House offices on the development of environmental and energy policies and initiatives.



US Agency for International Developments (USAID) - USAID is an independent agency of the United States federal government that is primarily responsible for administering civilian foreign aid and development assistance.



United States Army - The United States Army is the land service branch of the United States Armed Forces. It is one of the eight U.S. uniformed services, and is designated as the Army of the United States in the U.S. Constitution.



United States Capitol Police (USCP) - The USCP safeguards the Congress, Members of Congress, employees, visitors, and Congressional buildings and grounds from crime, disruption, and terrorism.



U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) - The USCIS administers the nation's lawful immigration system, safeguarding its integrity and promise by efficiently and fairly adjudicating requests for immigration benefits while protecting Americans, securing the homeland, and honoring our values.



The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - The USDA, also known as the Agriculture Department, is the federal executive department responsible for developing and executing federal laws related to farming, forestry, rural economic development, and food.



USDA Forest Service - The USDA Forest Service's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The everyday work of the Forest Service balances resource extraction, resource protection, and providing recreation.

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United States Department of Commerce - Among its tasks are gathering economic and demographic data for business and government decision making, and helping to set industrial standards. Its main purpose is to create jobs, promote economic growth, encourage sustainable development and block harmful trade practices of other nations.



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services enhances and protects the health and well-being of all Americans. We fulfill that mission by providing for effective health and human services and fostering advances in medicine, public health, and social services.



United States Department of Homeland Security - The United States Department of Homeland Security is the U.S. federal executive department responsible for public security, roughly comparable to the interior or home ministries of other countries. Its stated missions involve anti-terrorism, border security, immigration and customs, cyber security, and disaster prevention and management.



United States Department of State - The United States Department of State, or State Department, is an executive department of the U.S. federal government responsible for the nation's foreign policy and international relations.



The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) - OPM serves as the chief human resources agency and personnel policy manager for the Federal Government. OPM provides human resources leadership and support to Federal agencies and helps the Federal workforce achieve their aspirations as they serve the American people.



The U.S. Navy - The United States Navy is the maritime service branch of the United States Armed Forces and one of the eight uniformed services of the United States.

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United States Secret Service- The United States Secret Service is a federal law enforcement agency under the Department of Homeland Security charged with conducting criminal investigations and protecting U.S. political leaders, their families, and visiting heads of state or government.



U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission - The primary purpose of the SEC is to enforce the law against market manipulation. The SEC has a three-part mission: to protect investors; maintain fair, orderly, and efficient markets; and facilitate capital formation.

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