

GUIPRR Spring Council Meeting and Workshop

National Academy of Sciences Building
2101 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

2:00–5:30 GUIPRR Council Meeting

5:30–6:30 Networking Reception (West Court)

6:30–8:00 Dinner and Keynote Address (Great Hall)

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9:00–9:10 Welcome

- **Darryll Pines**, GUIPRR Council Co-Chair, President, University of Maryland

9:10–9:55 Morning Fireside: Designing the U.S. Research Enterprise for National Capability and Return

Moderator: Heather Boushey, Professor of Practice at the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy, University of Pennsylvania

- **Stuart Buck**, Executive Director, Good Science Project

10:00–11:15 Designing a New Capital Stack for a National Research Economy

Moderator: Erica Goldman, Director of Policy Entrepreneurship, Federation of American Scientists

- **Sandeep Patel**, Chief Executive Officer, Catalyze R&D
- **Steven Lehmann**, Principal, Marram Grass LLC & Venture Partner, BCM Legacy Fund
- **Yan Zheng**, Executive Vice President for Strategic Engagements, IQT
- **Amy Beaird**, Co-Founder, Ecosystem Edge

11:15–11:30 BREAK

11:30–12:45 The Macroeconomics of Research Investment

Moderator: Maryann P. Feldman, Professor, Public Policy and Management, Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions, Arizona State University

- **Charles Eesley**, Professor of Management Science & Engineering, Stanford University
- **Brian Darmody**, Chief Strategy Officer, Association of University Research Parks
- **Susan Helper**, Carlton Professor of Economics at the Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University
- **Laura Appenzeller**, University of Illinois Research Park Executive Director, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Innovation

12:45–1:45 Networking Lunch

1:50–2:35 Afternoon Fireside: The Economic Purposes of Publicly Funded R&D

Moderator: Walter Copan, Vice President for Research & Technology Transfer at Colorado School of Mines

- **Arati Prabhakar** Former Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; Former Director, DARPA and NIST [Virtual]

2:35–2:50 BREAK

2:50–4:05 Measuring What Matters: ROI, Opportunity Cost, and the Price of Delay

Moderator: Charles Johnson-Bey, Chief Technology Officer, Demonstrata

- **Tim Lieuwen**, Executive Vice President for Research, Georgia Tech
- **Julius Maina**, Senior Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer, Baltimore Development Corporation
- **Jeffrey Alexander**, Director, Innovation Policy, RTI International
- **Linda Bixby**, Chief Research Partnerships Officer, University of Arizona

4:05–4:30

Closing Remarks

- **Danielle Merfeld**, GUIPRR Council Co-Chair, Global Chief Technology Officer, Hanwha Qcells

MEETING ADJOURNS