RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 Hart Building.**This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

Certification:*In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Travel Dates:
04/08/2026 to 04/10/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$676.00	$674.82	$240.00	$0.00

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- **The final Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

5/14/26
Date

AMY LAO
Printed Name of Traveler

Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

5/14/2026
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

○ Yes ● No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
There were no changes to pre-approved travel expenses.		

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

● Yes ○ No

Explanation: We made a small change to the itinerary on the last day (April 10) to accommodate a possible last minute schedule change for the return flight to DCA. In the week before this seminar, Delta made same-day changes to the departure time of several BOS - DCA flights, making them leave up to 20 minutes earlier than scheduled. Since this was a real problem for a different seminar we ran the week before this one, we decided to proactively plan for a flight change by cutting the last lunch discussion 'Fitting it all together' by 30 minutes. We then moved up the final tours of The Engine and the Plasma Science & Fusion Center. No time was cut from the tours but we were able to leave for the airport 30 minutes earlier than the original itinerary indicated.

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

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February 5, 2026

Ms. Amy Lao
Research Analyst
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Dear Amy,

I am writing to invite you to attend a seminar for senior Congressional staff at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The seminar, "**Energizing the Economy of the Future**," will take place on the MIT campus in Cambridge, MA from April 8-10, 2026.

We are able to cover the cost of travel and hotel accommodations and are carefully following House and Senate Ethics Committee requirements. The necessary ethics approval forms will be provided to you should you apply to attend.

The seminar is sponsored by my office, the MIT Energy Initiative (MITEI), and the MIT Climate Project, and is run by the MIT Washington Office as part of the Institute's non-partisan, educational public service mission designed to support policymakers as they navigate complex technical issues.

If you would like to attend, please apply no later than close of business on **Thursday, March 5** by clicking here. This will allow sufficient time for filing the necessary paperwork with your Ethics Committee by Monday, March 9. Spaces are limited, so early application is strongly suggested.

If you have received this invitation in error and the seminar is not relevant to your portfolio, please feel free to forward it to a colleague who focuses on energy and/or climate issues.

Helen Haislmaier in the MIT Washington Office will be happy to answer any questions, and she can be reached at (202) 789-1828 or at helenh@mit.edu.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Wang

Evelyn N. Wang
Vice President for Energy and Climate, MIT

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is a 501 (C) (3) educational organization. We anticipate full approval from the House Committee on Ethics and the Senate Select Committee on Ethics to allow staff to travel from Washington, DC to Cambridge, MA. All costs related to participation in the seminar will be covered by MIT with NO outside funding from additional sponsors.

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp
3/3/26

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220.** Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved.

Name of Traveler:
AMY LAO

Employing Office/Committee:
ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC WORKS NON

Private Sponsor(s):
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Destination(s):
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Travel Dates:
04/08/2026 to 04/10/2026
NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

As a staffer on the Committee on Environment and Public Works, the trip, which will expose me to the latest research and thinking about technologies related to energy and climate and associated public policy options will help me inform my work.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

3/3/2026
Date

Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER
(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

I Sheldon Whitehouse
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize Amy Lao
(Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

☐ (signify "yes" by checking box)

3/3/2026
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Massachusetts Institute of Technology: MIT 2026 Energy/Climate Seminar for Congressional Staff: Energizing the Economy of the Future

AMY LAO

Title:
Research Analyst

Employing Office/Committee:
ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC WORKS
NON

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

As a staffer on the Committee on Environment and Public Works, the trip, which will expose me to the latest research and thinking about technologies related to energy and climate and associated public policy options will help me inform my work.

Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Public Charity

Address 2 (Optional)
3-207

Phone Number
(202) 744-5835

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
● Yes ○ No

Address
77 Massachusetts Avenue

City, State Zip
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139 United States

Organization URL
https://mit.edu/

History of Congressional Travel

MIT has hosted similar seminars on a wide range of public policy issues related to science and technology for over 25 years. The most recent 'in person' seminar was held on the MIT campus in April, 2025.

Educational Activities

MIT is a major non-profit research university with a mission focused on education and research in science, engineering and technology. It offers both undergraduate and graduate level degrees and has multiple departments working on cutting-edge energy and climate technology and related policy.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ☑ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ☑ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ☑ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

MIT does receive foreign funds but we do not meet the definition of a foreign agent under the Foreign Agent Registration Act and are not required to register. No foreign funding is being used for this program.

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

"Energizing the Economy of the Future" is an intensive educational seminar presented by MIT faculty with a dinner talk by an industry expert on de-carbonization. The seminar will be held on the MIT campus and utilizes its faculty, classrooms and laboratories. There will be tours of two different research laboratories as well as the Plasma Science Fusion Center and a visit to The Engine, an MIT-affiliated incubator supporting early-stage companies. That visit will highlight two companies working on new energy-related technologies.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

MIT is a major non-profit research university with a mission focused on education and research in science, engineering and technology. Congressional staff will be exposed to the latest research and thinking about technologies related to energy and climate and associated public policy options. MIT has hosted similar seminars on a wide range of public policy issues related to science and technology for over 25 years.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☑ Yes ○ No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

☑ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

☑ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

☑ No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

☑ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip

○ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

○ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

○ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip

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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

- Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
04/08/2026 @ 08:40 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
04/10/2026 @ 07:55 PM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ● No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $676.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$550.00

Note
Fully refundable coach tickets on regularly scheduled Delta flights. The ticket prices vary according to when they were/are booked but as of 2/25/26, the cost has varied between $440.00 and $550.00 + agent fees.

Ground Transportation	N/A	$56.00

Note
We are using MIT buses to transport the staff from Boston Logan Airport to the campus on 4/8/26 and again to take the staff back to Boston Logan Airport on 4/10/26.

Ground Transportation	N/A	$70.00

Note
Staff are permitted to seek a total of UP TO a total of $70.00 to reimburse them toward the cost of taxis or Ubers from their home to DC's Reagan National airport on 4/8/26 and back to their home from the same airport on 4/10/26. Receipts for these trips must be submitted to the seminar organizer and we are not able to reimburse any amount over $70.00 for the combined trips.

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $674.82)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
04/08/2026	04/10/2026	Marriott Residence Inn	Cambridge	Massachusetts	United States	2	$337.41	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
Actual nightly rate is $291.00 which does not exceed the per diem but with the taxes of $46.42, the final cost is above per diem (but it includes breakfast).

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $240.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
04/08/2026	$0.00	$47.00	$35.00	$11.00	**$93.00**	Cambridge	Massachusetts	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
The opening lunch includes a formal working lunch in a campus location where there is no choice of caterer but we have chosen the least expensive option on the menu. There is a working dinner at the Residence Inn hotel that evening and we are using the cheapest outside caterer allowed by the hotel.

04/09/2026	$0.00	$30.00	$79.50	$2.50	**$112.00**	Cambridge	Massachusetts	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
The working dinner with speaker is being held at a location on campus where there is no choice of caterer/no option to use a less expensive caterer.

04/10/2026	$0.00	$30.00	$0.00	$5.00	**$35.00**	Cambridge	Massachusetts	United States	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $0.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes

There are no miscellaneous expenses.

Additional Attachments

Document Name

There are no additional attachments.

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: 2026 Energy/Climate Seminar for Congressional Staff

Travel Date(s): April 8-10, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Washington, DC - Cambridge, MA - Washington, DC

Sponsor: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Evelyn N. Wang
(printed name of sponsor representative)

VicePresident,Energy & Climat
(title)

Evelyn Wang
(signature)

Feb 6, 2026
(date)

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Energizing the Economy of the Future

April 8-10, 2026

AGENDA

DAY 1: Wednesday, April 8

Seminar location: **MIT Samberg Conference Center**, 50 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA 02142, 6th floor, Dining Rooms 5 & 6

8:40 am **Delta Flight 5687 from Washington, D.C. to Boston, MA**

10:25 am **Land in Boston, MA**

10:35-11:00 am **Ground transportation from Boston Logan Airport to Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge (MIT buses)**

11:00-11:40 am **Check into Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge**
120 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02142

11:40-11:50 am **Bus from Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge to MIT Samberg Conference Center**

11:50 am-12:00 pm Registration for participants

12:00-1:30 pm **Welcome, introductions and luncheon**
MIT Samberg Conference Center, 6th floor, Dining Rooms 5 & 6

12:15-12:30 pm Participants introduce themselves

12:50-1:20 pm **Evelyn N. Wang**
MIT Vice President for Energy and Climate, Ford Professor of Engineering

Shaping the Energy Future: MIT's Cross-Disciplinary Strategy for Impact
This talk will outline how energy research at MIT is structured across multiple centers and disciplines. It will illustrate how technical research, economic analysis, and policy engagement are coordinated across MIT to examine energy system challenges such as those discussed throughout the seminar.

1:20-1:30 pm ***Attendees transition from lunch space to main seminar space***

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1:30-2:45 pm **PANEL 1:**
Building Data Centers to Last: Durable Infrastructure for a Fast AI Cycle
Data centers are vital for our digital economy. But the projected demand for hundreds of megawatts of resilient, high-reliability electricity to power future U.S. data centers is a major challenge, as is potential siting opposition from nearby residents. The panel will explore how to manage these challenges and how data centers can provide valuable grid services.

- Moderator: **Deepjyoti Deka**, Program Manager, Data Center Power Forum, MIT Energy Initiative
- **Pablo Duenas-Martinez**, Research Scientist, MIT Energy Initiative
- **Kevin Hsu**, MIT-GE Vernova Fellow, MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning
- **Christopher Knittel**, Associate Dean for Climate and Sustainability, MIT Sloan School of Management

2:45-4:00 pm **PANEL 2:**
The Abundant Grid
Expanding the capacity of the electrical grid to provide abundant, affordable power wherever it is needed is among our country's biggest infrastructure and policy challenges. The panel will discuss how innovative technology, policy, market design, and resilience strategies can achieve this goal.

- Moderator: **John E. Parsons**, Deputy Director for Research, MIT Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research; Senior Lecturer, MIT Sloan School of Management
- **Paul Joskow**, Elizabeth and James Killian Professor of Economics Emeritus, MIT Department of Economics
- **Sungho Shin**, Assistant Professor, MIT Department of Chemical Engineering
- **Andy Sun**, Iberdrola-Avangrid Professor in Electric Power Systems and Associate Professor in Operations Research and Statistics, MIT Sloan School of Management

4:00-4:15 pm ***Break***

4:15-4:45 pm **PLENARY TALK:**
Dual-Use Innovation for National Security and Defense Energy Needs

Gene Keselman
Lecturer, MIT Sloan School of Management; Managing Director, Proto

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Ventures, MIT; Executive Director, MIT Mission Innovation X; Colonel, U.S. Air Force Reserve

Gene Keselman will discuss how MIT Mission Innovation X aligns defense and commercial technology needs in energy and national security, creating accelerated pathways from proof-of-concept in the laboratory to deployment at scale.

4:45-6:00 pm

PANEL 3:
Delivering on the Promise of Fusion, Small Modular Reactors, and Advanced Geothermal Technology
This panel will examine how emerging firm energy technologies can complement variable energy generators to create robust grids delivering electricity 24/7. The characteristics and development timelines of generating facilities powered by fusion, next-generations nuclear fission, and geothermal energy will be discussed, with examples of how each can contribute to the future energy mix.

- Moderator: **Morgan Andreae**, Executive Director, Future Energy Systems Center, MIT Energy Initiative
- **Jacopo Buongiorno**, Battelle Energy Alliance Professor of Nuclear Engineering, MIT Department of Nuclear Science and Engineering
- **Andrew Inglis**, Venture Builder, Geothermal Channel, MIT Proto Ventures
- **Cristina Rea**, Principal Research Scientist and Data Science Division Head, MIT Plasma Science and Fusion Center

6:00 pm

Walk to Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge
Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge
120 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02142

Dinner Location: Doc Edgerton Room, Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge

6:45-8:30 pm

Dinner Discussion:
Led by Christopher Knittel, Associate Dean for Climate & Sustainability, MIT Sloan School of Management

Professor Knittel will lead a discussion on energy policy research at MIT and will explore gaps in current policy research where universities might play a role in filling those gaps.

Presenters:
- **Marilyn Pereboom**, Predoctoral Research Associate, MIT Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research
- **Juan Senga**, Postdoctoral Associate, MIT Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research and MIT Climate Policy Center

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Day 2: Thursday, April 9

Seminar location: **MIT Sloan School of Management, 100 Main Street, Cambridge, MA Room E62-350**

7:30-8:30 am **Breakfast at Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge**
120 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02142

8:30-8:45 am **Walk to MIT Sloan School of Management, 100 Main Street, Room E62-350**

9:00-9:30 am **PLENARY TALK:**
Why the Future of Computing Is About Energy and Quantum Physics

William Oliver, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Professor of Physics, MIT

Professor Oliver will make the case that computing's future is increasingly constrained by energy, not algorithms. As classical systems reach thermodynamic limits today, quantum computing is emerging because it works at the level of energy and physics, offering a new path when energy becomes the binding constraint.

9:30-10:45 am **PANEL 4:**
What Will Power Long-Distance Transportation?
The panel will discuss strategies for decarbonizing long-distance transportation while ensuring continued security, reliability, economic growth, and supply chain integrity.

- Moderator: **Randall Field**, Director of Research, MIT Energy Initiative
- **William H. Green**, Director, MIT Energy Initiative; Hoyt C. Hottel Professor of Chemical Engineering
- **Jennifer Morris**, Principal Research Scientist, MIT Center for Sustainability Science and Strategy and MIT Energy Initiative
- **Yuriy Román-Leshkov**, Robert T. Haslam (1911) Professor of Chemical Engineering, MIT Department of Chemical Engineering

10:45-12:00 noon **PANEL 5:**
Food, Water, and Energy for a Changing World
This panel will explore how climate change, population growth, and geopolitical shocks are tightening the links among food, water, and energy systems and raising risks to affordability, reliability, and public health. Panelists will discuss innovations in water desalination and reuse, low-carbon

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fertilizers, resilient agricultural practices, and strategies for advancing scalable solutions.

- **Moderator: Rohit Karnik**, Director, MIT Abdul Jameel Water & Food Systems Lab; Abdul Latif Jameel Professor, MIT Department of Mechanical Engineering
- **Mary Gehring**, HHMI Investigator, David Baltimore Chair in Biomedical Research, Whitehead Institute; Professor, MIT Departments of Biology and Biological Engineering
- **Benedetto Marelli,** Associate Professor, MIT Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

12:00-12:15 pm **Break**

12:15-1:40 pm **Lunch with presentation of MIT Tools for Analysis of Energy Systems**
This lunch session will cover MIT's climate and energy modeling capabilities, demonstrating how they have been and can be used to analyze economic impacts of energy policy.

- Moderator: **Bethany Patten**, Executive Director, MIT Climate Policy Center speaking on En-ROADS
- **Emre Gençer**, Co-Founder and CEO, Sesame Sustainability speaking on SESAME
- **Sergey Paltsev**, Deputy Director, MIT Center for Sustainability Science and Strategy speaking on EPPA
- **Juan Senga**, Postdoctoral Associate, MIT Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research and MIT Climate Policy Center speaking on GenX/Macro

1:40-3:00 pm **PANEL 6:**
Beyond Single Points of Failure: Diversifying Critical Mineral Supply
This panel will present new approaches to domestic mining and processing of minerals and related production of high-performance materials. It will explore how increased supply chain diversity can support advanced manufacturing of high-value products and critical technologies within the United States and in partnership with trusted neighbors and allies.

- Moderator: **Elsa A. Olivetti**, Jerry McAfee (1940) Professor in Engineering, MIT Department of Materials Science and Engineering
- **Martin Bazant**, Professor, MIT Departments of Chemical Engineering and Mathematics
- **Elisabeth Reynolds,** Professor of the Practice, MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning
- **Richard Roth**, Director, MIT Materials Systems Laboratory

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3:00-5:30 pm **Tour of Campus Research Laboratories**

3:00-3:25 pm: ***Walk to MIT Earth Resources Laboratory*** **21 Ames St, MIT Green Building 54, 2nd floor**

3:25-4:25 pm **Tour of Earth Resources Laboratory**
The Earth Resources Laboratory develops innovative strategies for sustainably addressing societal needs including energy production, critical minerals access, and capture of atmospheric carbon dioxide.

Oliver Jagoutz, Cecil & Ida Green Professor of Geology, MIT Department of Earth, Atmospheric & Planetary Sciences

4:25-4:40 pm ***Walk to the Atomistic Simulation & Energy Lab***
70 Vassar St, Building 31, 3rd floor

4:40-5:40 pm **Tour of Atomistic Simulation & Energy Lab**
Researchers in the Atomistic Simulation and Energy Lab are using new insights into the process of heat transfer to develop novel systems for efficiently storing energy. The tour will highlight technologies such as a prototype Thermal Energy Grid Storage system, which takes a "sun in a box" approach to low-cost, large-scale energy storage.

Asegun Henry, Professor, MIT Department of Mechanical Engineering; Founder, Thermal Battery Corporation

5:40-5:50 pm ***Walk back to hotel***

6:30-6:45 pm ***Walk to Samberg Conference Center***
50 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA

6:45- 8:45 pm **DINNER TALK**
MIT Samberg Conference Center, 7th Floor, Salon M

Accelerating Energy Innovation: Promising Technologies for Deployment at Scale
Libby Wayman, Partner, Breakthrough Energy Ventures

Libby Wayman will discuss strategies to drive affordable and reliable clean energy technologies to scale and explain how investors like Breakthrough Energy Ventures identify, evaluate and support innovative approaches to decarbonizing the global economy.

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Seminar location: **Doc Edgerton Room, Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge**
120 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02142

7:30-8:45 am **Continental breakfast at hotel/check out**
(Bags should be packed and left with the front desk)

9:00-9:30 am **PLENARY TALK:**
Transforming discoveries into market-ready innovations to provide affordable, clean, and reliable energy

William H. Green
Director, MIT Energy Initiative; Hoyt C. Hottel Professor of Chemical Engineering

Professor Green will discuss the path that researchers must navigate to move the most promising basic research outcomes from the lab to commercialization, touching on some related investment and policy challenges.

9:30-10:45 am **PANEL 7:**
Innovation: The Long Road from Invention to Impact
This panel will explore the challenges to "Tough Tech" commercialization in the energy sector and energy-intensive industries. To integrate new technology into established infrastructure and legacy industries, innovators must address long development timelines and large capital needs Panelists will discuss how scientists from MIT and other research organizations interact with investors and technology accelerators to overcome these challenges.

- Introductory remarks and moderator: **Michael Kearney**, General Partner, The Engine Ventures
- **Antoine Allanore**, Professor of Metallurgy, MIT Department of Materials Science and Engineering; Co-Founder, Boston Metal
- **Matthew Munderville**, Senior Program Director, MIT Plasma Science and Fusion Center and MIT Energy Initiative
- **Veronika Stelmakh**, CEO and Co-Founder, Mesodyne

10:45-11:00 am ***Break***

11:00-1:00 pm **Lunch and Discussion:**
Fitting it all together, discussion & seminar evaluation
To help seminar attendees synthesize a fuller picture of evolving energy systems, Professor Knittel will facilitate a review of the entire seminar and lead a question-and-answer session.

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1:00-3:50 pm **Lab Tours**

1:00-1:20 pm: **Walk to The Engine**
750 Main St, Cambridge, MA 02139

1:20-2:20 pm **Tour of The Engine**
The Engine is an MIT-affiliated incubator and accelerator that supports early-stage companies working to develop solutions to "Tough Tech" challenges like the energy transition. The tour will highlight the work of two companies currently in residency at The Engine that illustrate its approach to bringing new ideas from lab to market.

Host: **Ben Downing**, Chief Growth Officer, The Engine

Highlighted Companies in Residence:

- **Mantel**
  Sean Robertson, Chief Technology Officer
  Mantel is developing a carbon capture technology which can operate at the high temperatures found inside boilers, kilns, and furnaces, enabling highly efficient reduction of industrial emissions.
- **Copernic Catalysts**
  Jacob Grose, CEO and Co-Founder
  Copernic Catalysts is using computational design to develop revolutionary catalysts for sustainable, low-cost production of ammonia, low-carbon drop-in replacement fuels, and other chemicals used in large-scale energy and agricultural applications.

Instructions for tour attendees:
- All participants must wear closed toe shoes.
- No photography or videos when in The Engine spaces.

2:20-2:45 pm ***Walk to the MIT Plasma Science & Fusion Center***
175 Albany St., Cambridge, MA 02139

2:40-4:00 pm **Tour of MIT Plasma Science & Fusion Center**
Scientists and engineers at the MIT Plasma Science and Fusion Center will highlight recent advances in fusion science and technology and showcase the experimental facilities of the internationally renowned center. They will describe ongoing work at the PSFC, including collaborations with MIT spinout Commonwealth Fusion Systems and other commercial fusion companies aiming to put the first grid-scale fusion power plants online in the early 2030s.

Host: **Earl Marmar**, Associate Director and Head of Magnetic Fusion Experiments, MIT Plasma Science and Fusion Center

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Instructions for tour attendees:

- All participants must wear closed toe shoes and ankle-length pants or skirts.
- Photos of MIT PSFC hallway walls may be photographed
- MIT PSFC lab spaces cannot be photographed. The tour guides in these spaces will be able to confirm whether photography is permitted.

4:00-4:30 pm	**Board bus in front of MIT Plasma Science & Fusion Center/Travel to Boston Logan Airport**
5:55 pm	**Delta Flight 5667 from Boston Logan Airport to Washington, DC Reagan National**
7:55 pm	**Land at Reagan National Airport, Washington, D.C.**