



welcome packet

2026 National Conference

RESULTS 2026 National Conference

Sun. 7/12 – Tue. 7/14 | Washington, DC

Welcome to the 2026 RESULTS National Conference!

We're so glad you're joining us in Washington, DC. Over three exciting days, you'll connect with a network of passionate volunteers from across the country committed to fighting for a world without poverty. You will deepen your knowledge of the causes of poverty and solutions, strengthen your advocacy skills, and make your voice heard on Capitol Hill.

Together, we'll demonstrate the power of constituent advocacy.

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Conference Agenda

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

RESULTS Fellowship Convening

12:00 PM–4:00 PM · *Seminar Room Y115 (First Floor)*

Registration

4:00 PM–5:00 PM · *Claudio Grossman Hall (Terrace Level)*

Welcome Reception, Roll Call Celebration, and Keynote
with Joanne Carter

5:00 PM–7:30 PM · *Claudio Grossman Hall*

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026

Breakfast Buffet

8:00 AM–9:00 AM · *Claudio Grossman Hall*

Conference Welcome

with Joanne Carter

9:00 AM–9:05 AM · *Claudio Grossman Hall*

Our Story, Our Power: Voices from Around the World

with Fatima Traore, James Lee

9:05 AM–9:50 AM · *Claudio Grossman Hall*

Honoring Your Investment and Impact

with Joanne Carter, Aaron Carrillo, and others

9:50 AM–10:15 AM · *Claudio Grossman Hall*

Break

10:15 AM–10:30 AM

The State of Play: U.S. Poverty Campaigns

with Ellen Nissenbaum

10:30 AM–11:15 AM · *Claudio Grossman Hall*

The State of Play: Global Poverty Campaigns

with Rosemary Mburu, Kul Chandra Gautam

11:15 AM–12:15 PM · *Claudio Grossman Hall*

Lunch Buffet

12:15 PM–1:30 PM · *Claudio Grossman Hall*



Workshop 1: Building Power from Home to the Hill

1:30 PM–2:30 PM · *Classroom NT08*

Workshop 2: Unlocking Your Voice for Change

1:30 PM–2:30 PM · *Classroom NT07*

Workshop 3: From Passion to Persuasion: Crafting Your Ask!

1:30 PM–2:30 PM · *Classroom YT17*

Break

2:30 PM–2:45 PM

The Hill, Decoded: Insider Tips for Effective Lobby Meetings

with Benjamin Clardy, Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. John Carter (TX-31)

2:45 PM–3:15 PM · *Claudio Grossman Hall*

U.S. & Global Policy Asks Refresher with Corresponding Roleplay Demos

3:15 PM–4:15 PM · *Claudio Grossman Hall*

Advocacy Day Logistics Refresher

4:15 PM–4:30 PM · *Claudio Grossman Hall*

Closing Keynote with Derek Kilmer

4:30 PM–5:00 PM · *Claudio Grossman Hall*

Dinner Buffet

5:00 PM–6:30 PM · *Claudio Grossman Hall*

Informal Lobby Prep

5:00 PM–7:00 PM



TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026

Advocacy Day Kick Off

8:00 AM–9:00 AM · *Senate Hart Building, Room 902*

Capitol Hill Meetings

9:00 AM–4:00 PM · *Capitol Hill*

Photo Op 1

9:15 AM–9:45 AM · *Capitol Dome (near U.S. Capitol Visitor's Center)*

Photo Op 2

12:30 PM–1:00 PM · *Capitol Dome (near U.S. Capitol Visitor's Center)*

Advocacy Day Reception

4:30 PM–6:00 PM · *Senate Dirksen Building, Room G50*



Preparation Checklist

Lobby Meetings Checklist

- ☐ **May-July: Set up lobby meetings in DC.** Contact the office's scheduler to request meetings with you senators and representative on Tuesday, July 14.
 - [Personalize this email template to request a meeting](#). Use tips from our [Lobbying HowTo's](#) to guide you in making meeting requests.
 - So that you don't miss the July 14 Lobby Day kickoff or congressional reception, we encourage you to **schedule Senate meetings in the morning and House meetings in the afternoon** (if possible).
 - **Be persistent until you get a response.** Ask aides in the District office for help if you are not getting a timely response from the D.C. office. If you need help, [contact RESULTS staff](#).
 - **Confirmation:** Once you have a meeting, thank the scheduler, and let them know you will be reconfirming your meeting the week before. Please complete a [lobby meeting confirmation form](#) so RESULTS staff know and can provide support if needed.
- ☐ **May-July: Attend or listen to the recording of a lobby prep call.** RESULTS have scheduled several lobby prep "office hours" before the Conference to help you prepare for your meetings. Plan to attend one or more of these meetings or listen to the recordings (see page below) and encourage others from your group to attend. If you need specific lobby prep help, please contact Katie Fleischer (kfleischer@results.org) to schedule.
- ☐ **May-July: Collect handwritten letters and print media** from constituents and fellow group members, action network members, and partners, especially those who can't attend the conference. Bring these with you to deliver on the Hill!
- ☐ **June-July: Read through the preparation materials and leave behinds.** Policy briefs, lobby meeting leave behinds, and other materials will be available on the [RESULTS National Conference page](#). They are great primers on our issues and legislative requests! Note: RESULTS will provide lobby leave behinds and other important lobby materials to you in DC.
- ☐ **June-July: Research your members of Congress.** Where do they stand on the issues you will be meeting about? Review the [Congressional Scorecard](#) and their voting record. Review the [Champion Scale](#) to determine where they are on the issues.

- ☐ **July 12-13: Prepare for your meetings.** When you are in DC, prepare your meeting agenda with your group, assign roles, and practice (note: there is time built into the Conference agenda for you to do this). You can use this lobby planning form as a guide. ([Word](#)/[PDF](#))
 - Review the issues and the asks discussed at the Conference.
 - Prepare and practice your EPIC laser talk: [Watch this video explainer](#).
 - Prepare printed media (LTEs, Editorials, Op Eds), handwritten letters, and stories. Keep these in the leavebehind folder with other leavebehind materials (RESULTS will provide a folder for you in DC).
 - Prepare the logistics. Know where the office is located and give yourself ample time to move between buildings and go through security. More information will be made available in your welcome packet.
- ☐ **Friday, July 10: Reconfirm your lobby meetings.** Email or call the scheduler and/or the aide to confirm the meeting time and location. Send any relevant information.
- ☐ **July 14-15: Please complete a lobby report for each meeting.** [Please use our online form](#) to share details about each of your lobby meetings (including photos). This information is critical in helping us formulate next steps in our advocacy.
- ☐ **July 15-16: Send a thank you note and followup email to the aides you met with.** Remember to send a thank you note to the office for meeting with you. Please reiterate your requests and follow up on questions during the meeting.
- ☐ **Week of July 27: Follow up with the aide again.** Email or call the aide to check the status of the requests you made in your meeting.

Resources:

- [RESULTS National Conference page](#)
- [Build a Better Future campaign page](#)
- [Working with Congress](#)
 - [Lobbying HowTo's](#)
 - [119th Congressional Scorecard](#)
 - [Champion Scale](#)
- [EPIC Laser Talks](#)
- [Lobby Meeting Reporting form](#)

Packing

In DC, weather in July can be very hot and humid. Please check the weather the week of to make sure you pack accordingly.

During the Conference Sessions at AU (Sunday/Monday)

- Casual attire is appropriate. Bring layers—conference room temperatures can be unpredictable.
- Feel free to bring a laptop, tablet, or smartphone to sessions.
- Bring something to take notes on.

Advocacy Day (Tuesday)

- Please bring business casual attire for your meetings with lawmakers. Wear comfortable shoes! Flats are encouraged for walking on Capitol Hill. You may also want to pack an umbrella.

Food near American University

Nearby restaurants in the \$20-\$30 range (not an exhaustive list)

Angelico Pizzeria & Café – Italian cuisine - 4529 Wisconsin Ave, NW

Chipotle – Mexican cuisine - 4301 Wisconsin Ave, NW

Crisp & Juicy – Peruvian cuisine - 4533 Wisconsin Ave, NW

Surfside – Mexican cuisine – 4200 Wisconsin Ave., NW

Nando's PERi-PERi – South African-Portuguese cuisine – 4231 Wisconsin Ave., NW

Guapo's Cocina & Bar – Tex-Mex - 4515 Wisconsin Ave, NW

Masala Art – Indian cuisine - 4441 Wisconsin Ave, NW

Meals provided at the conference

Sunday, July 12

Dinner

Monday, July 13

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Tuesday, July 14

None

Contact and Support

General Conference Questions

For general conference questions before or during the conference, please contact 2026conference@results.org.

Travel Support

If you are attending as a Fellow, Expert on Poverty (EOP), or Equity Fund recipient, please contact the RESULTS staff member who arranged your travel if you experience any travel-related issues, including flight delays, cancellations, or hotel concerns.

Community Care & Accountability

Contact staff members Lakeisha McVey (lmvey@results.org) or Karyne Bury (kbury@results.org) for help with:

- Finding your way around on Advocacy Day
- Support before or after a lobby meeting
- Issues with a DC office or a volunteer
- Addressing anti-oppression incidents

You can also report a concern or share feedback using this [Community Care & Accountability Form](#).

Emergencies & Campus Safety

In accordance with American University's safety mandates, follow all live directions broadcasted over the public address system, or instructed by AU Campus Police and building fire marshals.

The [American University Procedures Guide](#) details what to do in the event of a medical emergency, fire, hazardous materials accident, evacuation, shelter-in-place, security threat that involves a campus lockdown, crime or any other emergency situation.

If an incident or emergency occurs while on the American University of Law's campus, alert a RESULTS staff member and contact one of these numbers:

AU Policy Department (AUPD) Emergency Line: (202) 885-3636
Public Safety Non-Emergency Line: (202) 885-2527

Note: Why AUPD vs 911? Calling campus police directly provides an immediate tactical advantage over municipal 911. Standard 911 operators are off-site and handle city-wide queues. They do not know the layout or room configurations of the Law College. AUPD officers are already patrolling the campus grounds and can arrive on scene faster. Furthermore, AUPD dispatches have immediate access to the university's active closed-circuit television (CCTV) security network to scan hallways and quads for the child, and they will physically guide city first responders to our exact location if backup is required.

Child Safeguarding Code of Conduct

- All RESULTS Employees and Affiliates (to include Volunteers, interns and consultants) who will participate in an event where children are present are required to review and comply with this Code of Conduct. All are to adhere to the standards, principles, and actions below throughout their association with RESULTS and are to attend any training deemed required by RESULTS in relation to Child Safeguarding; failure to do so may result in termination of their association with RESULTS.
- Treat all people, including children, with respect regardless of their gender, race, color, religious beliefs, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, family or social background, economic status or other status protected by applicable law.
- Promote a welcoming, inclusive and safe environment for all, including children.
- Act professionally and maintain appropriate boundaries. Further, there shall be no physical interaction with a minor without parental permission and parent or guardian being present.
- Always ensure that I am never alone with a child for whom I am not a parent or legal guardian in any space or situation.
- Communicate with a child, including via electronic or via social media, only with a parent or legal guardian being included in that communication, and never accept a follow request from a child on a social media platform.
- Use computers, mobile phones, or video and digital cameras appropriately.
- Never exploit or harass children or access child pornography through any medium.
- Comply with all applicable local, state and national child protection and labor laws.
- Immediately report concerns or allegations of child abuse to a RESULTS employee.
- Refrain from using language or behavior towards children that is or could be interpreted as punishment, special treatment, suggestive, inappropriate, harassing, abusive, sexually provocative, demeaning or culturally inappropriate.
- Refrain from engaging in any form of sexual activity with a child, regardless of the legal age of consent.
- Refrain from undertaking or participating in any activities which are illegal, unprofessional or otherwise inappropriate.
- Report any witnessed or perceived abuse, neglect, physical punishment or discipline of children to RESULTS staff, to the RESULTS Child Safeguarding Liaison, or to **SAFE Hotline, the anonymous reporting portal used by RESULTS by texting or calling 855-662-SAFE and using the company number 1406466656.**
- Sign the RESULTS Participation and Attendance Waiver for Minors if bringing a child to a RESULTS event.

Lobby Prep Calls Recordings

Prepare for your National Conference lobby meetings with members of Congress! See our full lineup of lobby prep calls on our [Events Calendar](#).

Recordings:

[U.S. Nutrition, Housing, and Tax Policy](#)

Recording timestamps:

00:00 – 13:00 Planning for Successful Lobby Meetings

15:07 – 36:33 U.S. Policy

[The Global Fight Against Tuberculosis](#)

Recording timestamps:

00:09 – 9:54 Planning for Successful Lobby Meetings

9:55 – 26:53 Global Tuberculosis

[The Future of U.S. Global Health & Aid](#)

Recording timestamps:

00:00 – 13:00 Planning for Successful Lobby Meetings

13:01 – 33:40 Future of U.S. Global Health Assistance

[Researching your member of Congress](#)

Conference Resources

View resources for the conference at results.org/conference.

Community Care During Lobby Meetings

At RESULTS, we are committed to creating a community where everyone feels valued, respected, and able to participate fully. Though rare, difficult interactions can occur during lobby meetings. This resource offers guidance for responding in ways that prioritize community care, safety, and effective advocacy. Remember, **your safety and well-being is paramount to any interaction you have with others.**

Before Your Lobby Meeting: Discuss as a Group

1. If a staff member or legislator makes a comment that feels harmful, exclusionary, or inappropriate, how would we like to respond as a group?
2. Are there topics, comments, or types of conversations that members of our group do not want to engage in? How will we support one another if those situations arise?
3. If someone in our group becomes uncomfortable and wants to leave the meeting, what is our plan for supporting them? Who will go with them? Will everyone go? Decide as a group what signal to use if someone wants to leave.

These conversations help set up expectations and ensure everyone's wellbeing comes first.

Navigating Difficult Moments in a Lobby Meeting

There is no single “right” response. Consider the comfort and safety of everyone in the room when deciding how to proceed. No one has to engage in a discussion that feels harmful, demeaning, or unsafe.

Option 1: Redirect the Conversation

Often the most effective response is to address the comment briefly and return to the purpose of the meeting. Redirecting is not avoiding the issue. It is a way of maintaining boundaries while keeping the meeting focused on your advocacy goals.

Examples:

- “I don’t think that conversation is productive or appropriate for us to engage in. We’d be happy to continue discussing the Child Tax Credit.”
- “We’re not here to debate people’s identities or worth. We’d like to return to talking about hunger and poverty.”

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Option 2: Thoughtfully Engage

Some groups may decide to briefly engage before redirecting the conversation. Before choosing to engage, ask yourself: Will this conversation help advance understanding, or are we being pulled into a debate about someone's humanity, worth, identity, or right to belong? If you choose to engage, name the impact of the comment and follow up with an open-ended question.

Examples:

- "The framing is harmful to [XYZ community]. Can you tell me more about what experiences have shaped that perspective?"
- "That comment reinforces [harm/stereotype]. Can you help me understand what concerns are driving that viewpoint?"

Option 3: End the Conversation

If a comment or interaction crosses a line and continuing the meeting no longer feels productive or safe, it is okay to leave. You might say:

- "I am not comfortable continuing to be part of this meeting if this is the language being used. I appreciate your time today. We will follow up with the office."

You may then provide your leave-behind materials and exit the meeting. Check in as a group afterward. Taking time to connect, listen, and ensure someone is okay is an important part of community care.

After the Meeting

After difficult interactions, take a few moments to debrief as a group: How is everyone feeling? What support or follow-up may be needed? What can we learn for future meetings?

The [RESULTS Call In, Call Out Guide](#) can help navigate difficult interactions. Please fill out the [Community Care Accountability Form](#) for additional support and guidance from RESULTS staff. Also, please note any difficult interactions with your members of Congress or their staff on your [lobby report form](#). Even if no follow-up is needed, this information helps RESULTS staff identify patterns, better support volunteers, and prepare groups for future meetings.

Metro Map



System Map

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Information: 202-GO-METRO | TTY: 202-962-2033
Metro Transit Police: 202-962-2121 | Text: MYMTPD (696873)

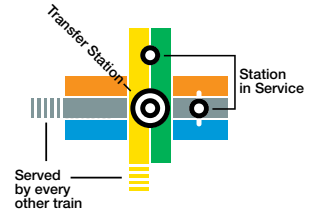
Terminal stations

- R** Red Line • Glenmont / Shady Grove
- Y** Yellow Line • Huntington / Mt Vernon Sq & Greenbelt
- G** Green Line • Branch Av / Greenbelt
- O** Orange Line • New Carrollton / Vienna
- S** Silver Line • Ashburn / Downtown Largo & New Carrollton
- B** Blue Line • Franconia-Springfield / Downtown Largo

Station Features

- P** Parking
- H** Hospital
- A** Airport

Connecting Rail Systems



Metro is accessible.

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Map is not to scale

Metro Info

How does the Washington, DC Metro work? How do I plan my trip?

The Metrorail consists of six color-coded lines: Red, Blue, Orange, Yellow, Green and Silver. The lines are connected to each other via transfer stations and many Metro stops are serviced by more than one color. Each train car has an exterior electronic sign that marks the color and the direction of the train. Direction is indicated by the final station of that line.

You can plan your trip and find the best route using Metro's Trip Planner. Real-time train and bus arrival and service information is available at [MetroPulse.wmata.com](https://www.metropulse.wmata.com).

How much are Metro fares and how do you use SmarTrip?

Metrorail fares are calculated by how many stops you travel and at what time of day. Fares during the day range from \$2.25 to \$6.75. After 9:30 p.m. and on weekends, fares range from \$2.25 to \$2.50. You can calculate your fare between two stops using Metro's Trip Planner. Bus fare is \$2.25.

Metrorail and Metrobus riders can pay for fares by **simply tapping a contactless credit or debit card** (or a card in your mobile wallet) on the faregates at any Metro station. Learn more about Tap. Ride. Go. on Metro's website. **You will tap once when you enter, and tap the same card when you exit.**

Customers can also choose to get a physical SmarTrip card from a fare machine or create a virtual SmarTrip card on their Apple or Android device. SmarTrip cards are plastic, rechargeable fare cards that can be purchased by cash or credit at any Metro station or in advance on [wmata.com](https://www.wmata.com). They can be loaded with regular fares or special 1-day, 3-day or 7-day passes.

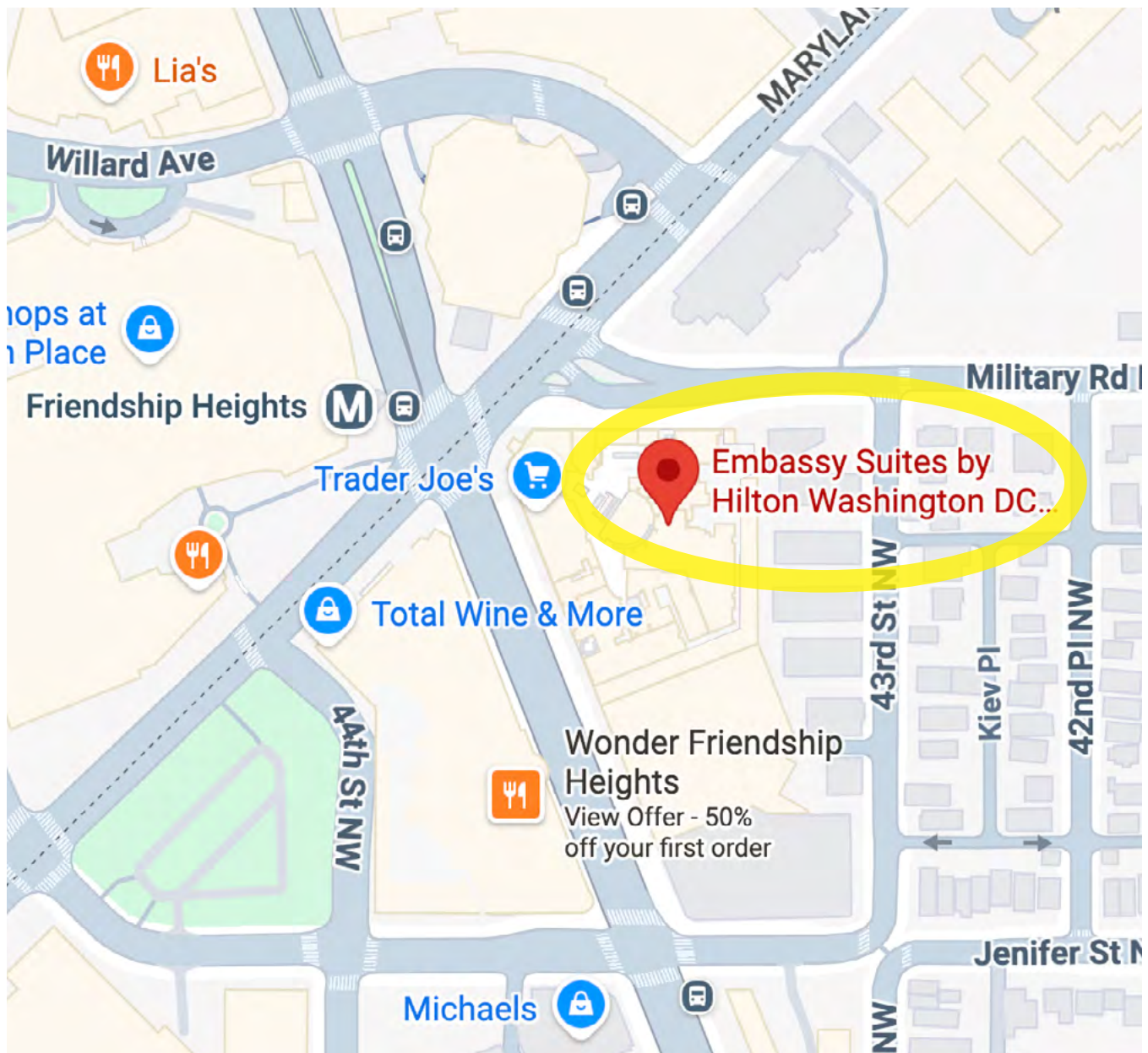
The SmarTrip app can be used anywhere the SmarTrip card is accepted, including rail, buses and Metro-operated parking lots.

Main Hotel

Embassy Suites by Hilton Washington DC Chevy Chase Pavilion

4300 Military Rd NW, Washington, DC 20015

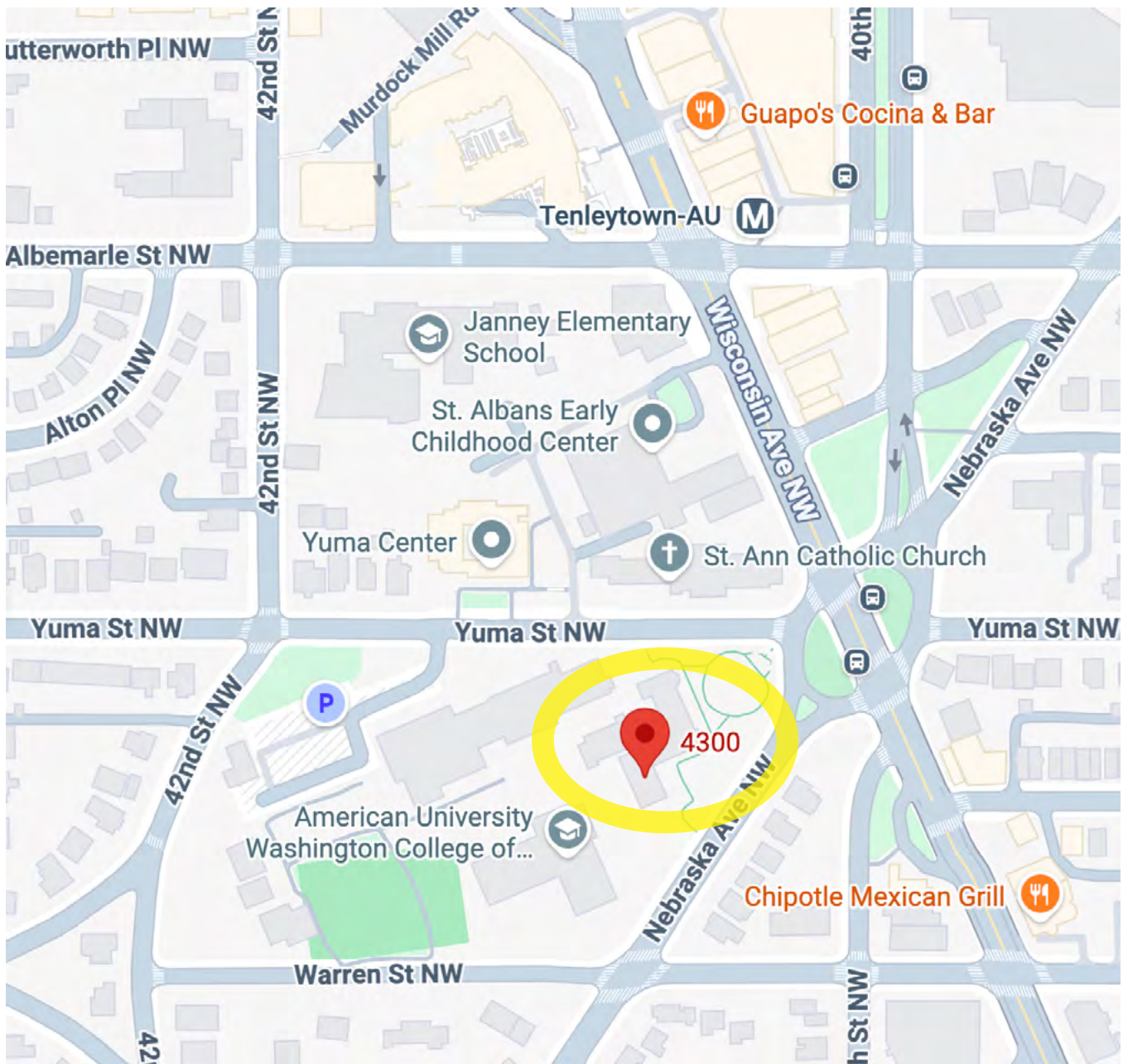
[Website](#)



Sun/Mon Conference Location

Grossman Hall, Yuma Building, American University
Washington College of Law

4300 Nebraska Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016



Getting to the Conference (Sun/Mon)

American University Washington College of Law – Grossman Hall is located at 4300 Nebraska Ave, NW, just off Tenley Circle.

Walking from Street Parking

1. Enter through the Warren Entrance, off Nebraska Ave between Tenley Circle and Warren St.
2. Turn right at the Information Desk.
3. Walk all the way down to the end of the hall, past the lounge to the second staircase.
4. Turn left. Claudio Grossman Hall will be on your right.

Parking in WCL Garage

1. Park in the “B” Section of level P1.
2. Enter the elevator vestibule and use the parking kiosk to enter your license plate, expected time, and guest code.
3. Take the elevator to the Terrace (“T”) Level.
4. Claudio Grossman Hall will be to your left as you exit the elevator.

Metro (Red Line)

1. Exit at Tenleytown-AU stop.
2. Walk south on Wisconsin Avenue for a couple of blocks.
3. Turn right onto Yuma Street at Tenley Circle. Come through the Yuma entrance.
4. Walk past the Information Desk down to the Terrace Level (elevator available). Turn right at the end of the hallway.
5. Claudio Grossman Hall is in front of you.

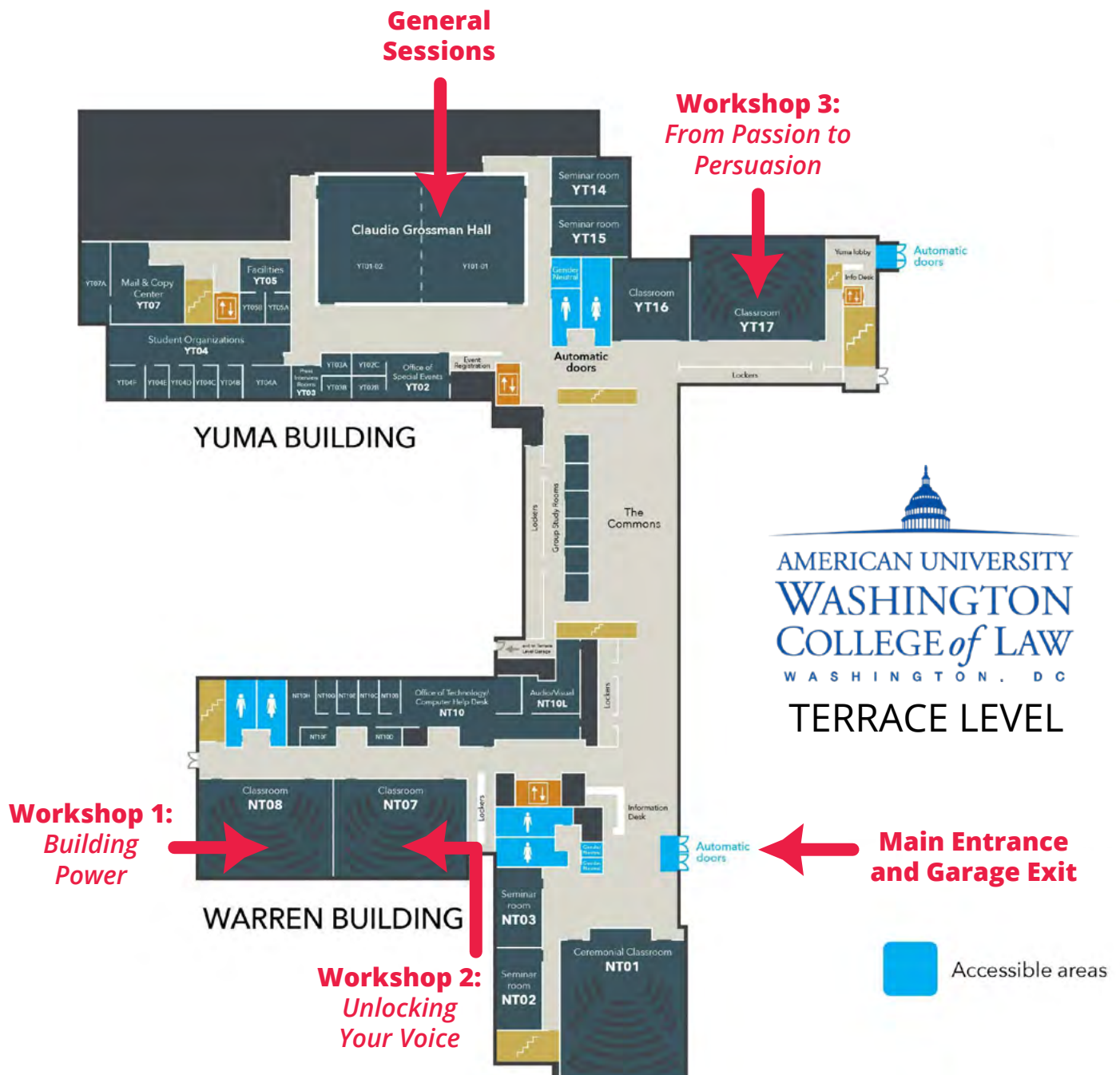
Uber / Lyft / Cab

1. Use the Yuma Street Entrance — address is 4100 Yuma Street, NW.
2. Once dropped off, walk past the Information Desk down to the Terrace Level (elevator available). Turn right at the end of the hallway.
3. Claudio Grossman Hall is in front of you.

Sun/Mon Meeting Space

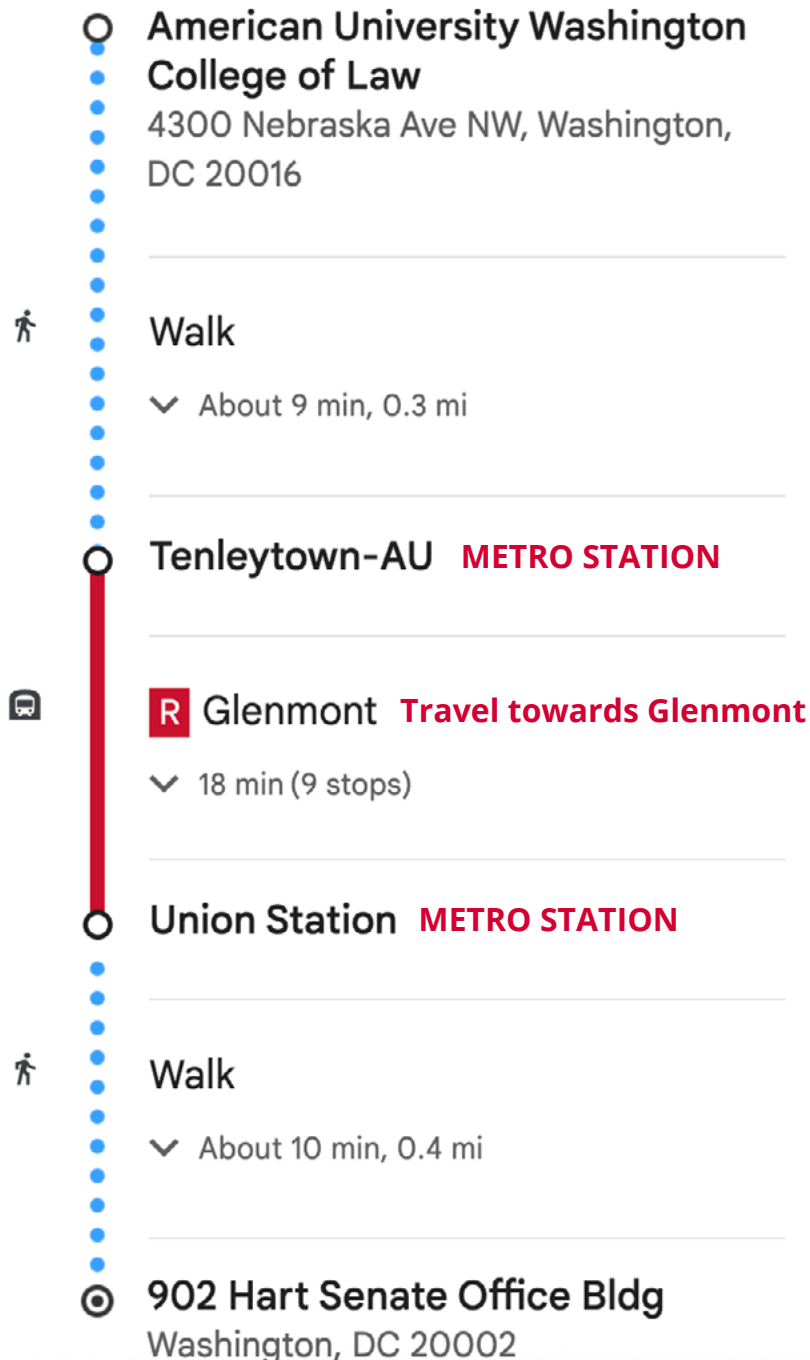
Grossman Hall, Yuma Building, American University
Washington College of Law

4300 Nebraska Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20015



Directions - AU directly to Tue. kick off

Don't need to drop off luggage? Go directly from American University to 902 Hart Senate Office Building (Tue. morning):



Directions - AU to luggage dropoff

Dropping off luggage Tuesday morning? Below are directions from American University to the United Methodist Building for luggage storage. Storage facility will be open 7:30am-7:30pm.



 **American University Washington College of Law**
4300 Nebraska Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

 **Walk**
▼ About 10 min, 0.3 mi

 **Tenleytown-AU** **METRO STATION**

 **R Glenmont** **Travel towards Glenmont**
▼ 16 min (9 stops)

 **Union Station** **METRO STATION**

 **Walk**
▼ About 17 min, 0.7 mi

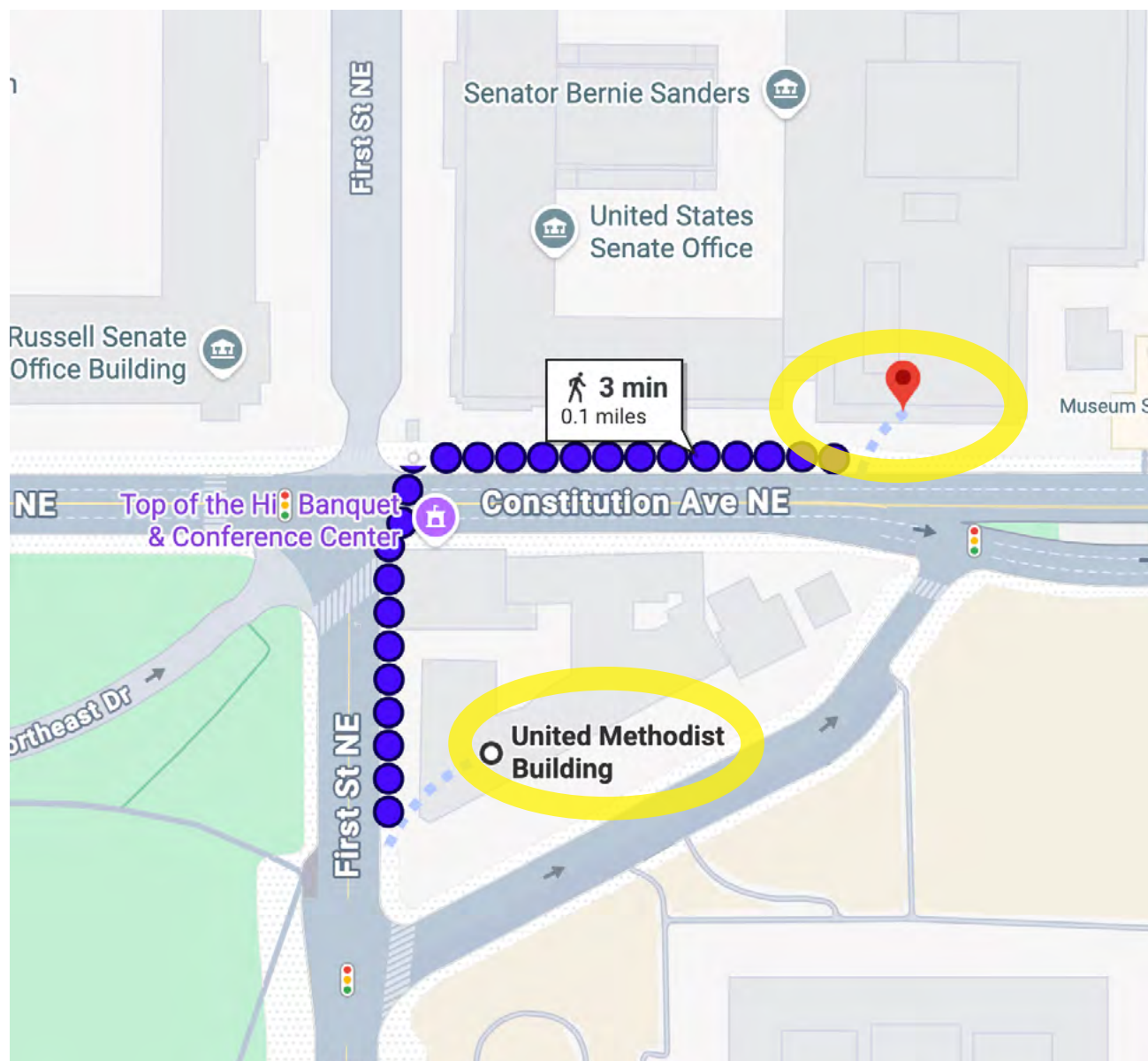
 **United Methodist Building**
100 Maryland Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002

Directions - luggage dropoff to Tuesday Kick off

Luggage storage location will be open 7:30am-7:30pm.

United Methodist Building: 100 Maryland Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20002

Hart Senate Office Building, Room 902: 120 Constitution Ave. NE, Washington DC, 20002



Capitol Hill Map



1

Luggage drop off and storage, 7:30am-7:30pm, United Methodist Building, 100 Maryland Ave. NE

2

Advocacy Day Kick off, 8:00am-9:00am, 902 Senate Hart Building

3

Photo Ops, 9:15am and 12:30pm, near the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center

4

RESULTS Staff will be stationed throughout the day at the **Dirksen Cafeteria** on the Senate side

5

RESULTS Staff will be stationed throughout the day at the **Rayburn Cafeteria** on the House side

6

Advocacy Day Reception, 4:30pm-6:00pm, G50 Senate Dirksen Building

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