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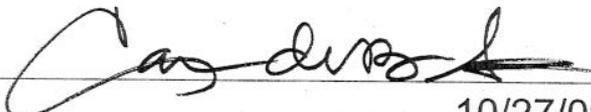
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EMPLOYEE  
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips, or similar events undertaken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those persons required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within **15 days** after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make the second page of this form publicly available as soon as possible after it is filed.

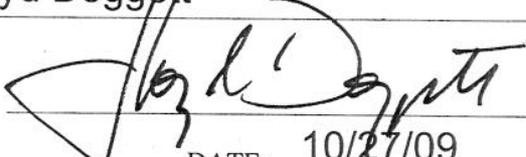
Name of Traveler (print or type): Cameron Arterton

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

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER:   
DATE: 10/27/09

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on this form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Lloyd Doggett

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER:   
DATE: 10/27/09

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1. Name of Traveler (print or type): Cameron Arterton
2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): N/A  
 b. Relationship to Employee:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: 10/10/09-10/13/09  
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): N/A
4. Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Washington, DC (National Airport) to  
La Selva Biological Station, San Pedro, Costa Rica to Washington, DC (National Airport)
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS), The Gordon  
and Betty Moore Foundation (GBMF), and the Lucille Packard Foundation (DLPF)
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): See attached.
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
  - a.  the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by the trip sponsor, including all attachments;
  - b.  the Traveler Form completed by the employee; *and*
  - c.  the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box):   
 b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
9. TRAVEL EXPENSES: *Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.*

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For employee:	\$456 ( \$355 airfare+\$101 local transportation)	\$193 (incl meals)	included w/ lodging
For accompanying family member:			
	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)	
For employee:			
For accompanying family member:			

Post-Travel Disclosure Form: Cameron Arterton, Office of Rep. Lloyd  
Doggett  
Question 6 Additional Information

The coursework each day consisted of extensive lectures and discussions on issues surrounding carbon sequestration in tropical forests. The topics included the role of tropical forests in sequestering carbon and their contribution to combating climate change, how to measure and verify forest preservation, how to properly align incentives to store carbon for maximum result, and the roles of government and the private sector in preserving carbon through reducing deforestation and degradation. The course also included fieldwork to employ carbon measurement techniques and visit a successful forest management project site. The prepared schedule is attached. The actual schedule deviated in only minor ways.



International Forest Carbon Policy for US Decision Makers  
October 10-13, 2009

<b>October 10</b>	<b>Introduction to Rain Forests, Carbon, and the Policy Context</b>	
~ 3:30 pm	Arrival at La Selva Biological Station and check into rooms	
~ 3:45 pm	Light refreshments in dining hall	
4:00 pm	Tour carbon-forest research programs in tropical forests	David Clark, Orlando Vargas
6:00 pm	Dinner	
7:00 pm	Welcome; introduction to La Selva; self introductions	Elizabeth Losos
7:30 pm	Why link tropical forests and U.S. policy? (course introduction and review of learning objectives)	Brian Murray
<b>October 11</b>	<b>Tropical Forest – Carbon Connection</b>	
6:00 am	Breakfast	
8:00 am	The carbon-forest-biodiversity connection and impact of climate change	Elizabeth Losos
8:45 am	Remote sensing and ground truthing: The Brazilian experience	Carlos Souza
9:30 am	Standards for monitoring and verifying forest carbon (lecture & discussion)	Nancy Harris
10:00 am	Coffee break	
10:15 am	Ground-truthing: Group field exercise within La Selva rainforest (forest visit)	Nancy Harris, Carlos Souza, Elizabeth Losos
12:00 pm	Lunch	
1:30 pm	Tropical forest dynamics, carbon sequestration, and climate change (lecture & discussion)	Deborah Clark
2:00 pm	Calculations from field exercise and discussion of MVP issues; review of remote sensing images (at GIS Laboratory)	Nancy Harris
2:45 pm	Group discussion of issues related to measurement, monitoring, and verification of forest carbon and setting baselines/reference levels.	Carlos Souza
3:00 pm	Coffee break	
3:15 pm	Forest Conservation and Carbon Emission Reduction in Bolivia: The Noel Kempff Mercado Experience (lecture & discussion)	Natalie Calderon
4:00 pm	Drivers of deforestation and policies addressing them (lecture & discussion)	Alex Pfaff
6:00 pm	Dinner	
7:00 pm	REDD and indigenous rights, with a case study from Bolivia (informal discussion)	Natalie Calderon
7:30 pm	Reception	



<b>October 12</b>	<b>International Carbon Projects and Policies</b>	
6:00 am	Breakfast	
7:15 am	Visit to FUNDECOR office in Sarapique (presentation on FUNDECOR activities)	Pedro Gonzalez Chaverri
8:15 am	Visit to local Environmental Payment Services site (field visit & discussion with local landowner and Fundecor Regional Director)	Harold Viquez Zamora
10:30 am	Coffee break at La Selva	
11:00 am	Forest conservation and carbon emission reduction in Costa Rica: Lessons learned and future directions (lecture & discussion)	Carlos Manuel Rodriguez
12:00 pm	Lunch	
1:30 pm	Assessment of impact and cost-effectiveness of Ecosystem Service Payment Programs (lecture & discussion)	Alex Pfaff
2:15 pm	Options proposed to implement REDD and REDD + (lecture & discussion)	Ralph Ashton
3:00 pm	Coffee break	
3:15 pm	Private sector opportunities under different REDD scenarios	Phil Ovitt
4:00 pm	Economics of REDD (group discussion)	Brian Murray
6:00 pm	Dinner	
7:00 pm	Group discussion: UNFCCC policies to address deforestation and degradation (lecture & discussion)	Ralph Ashton
<b>October 13</b>	<b>International Forest Carbon and US Policy</b>	
6:00 am	Breakfast	
7:00 am	Check out (leave keys and luggage)	
7:45 am	State of current U.S. legislative process, legislative and administrative policy options (informal presentation and group discussion)	Brian Murray
9:30 am	Transfer from La Selva to San Jose Airport, course evaluations	

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# U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF  
OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Washington, DC 20515-6328

September 24, 2009

Ms. Cameron Arterton  
Office of the Honorable Lloyd Doggett  
201 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Arterton:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to Costa Rica scheduled for October 10 to 13, 2009, sponsored by the Gordon Betty Moore Foundation, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, both of which are section 501(c)(3) private foundations, and the Organization for Tropical Studies, which is a section 501(c)(3) public charity.

You must complete an Employee Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including all attachments. You must also include a copy of the Traveler Form completed by you and signed by your employing Member. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$335 from a single source on Schedule VII of that statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$335] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$335 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.



Zoe Lofgren  
Chair

Sincerely,



Jo Bonner  
Ranking Republican Member

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Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM  
(provide directly to each House invitee)

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This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. *You must answer every question on the form.*

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS), The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation (GBMF), and The David and Lucile Packard Foundation (DLPF)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*):
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*):
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): Please see attached.  
Please see attached.
6. Dates of travel: The course will be held October 10-13, 2009
7. Cities of departure – destination – return: Depart Washington DC. Destination San Jose Costa Rica Airport. OTS provides transportation to/from La Selva Biological Field Station.
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities) (*Signify "yes" by checking box*):
9. I represent that (*check one of the following*):
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965:  *or*
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent:  *or*
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (*i.e.*, if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
  - a. N/A – I checked 9(a) or (b) above:
  - b. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered:  *or*
  - c. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered:   
If "c" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Check one:
- a. I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*):  or
  - b. N/A – trip sponsor is an institution of higher education.
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the purpose of the trip and the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:  
Please see attached statement.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. a. Describe the mode of travel (air, rail, bus, etc.). For air travel, also indicate the type of aircraft (commercial, charter, or privately owned) and class of travel (coach, business class, first class, etc.):  
Commercial airline flights, class of travel is coach.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*):
15. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees:  or
  - b. The trip involves events that are arranged *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:   
If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): Meals are included in the cost of lodging. A rough estimate per day per meal is \$5.70; estimate of 3 meals = \$17.10
16. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Costa Rica is a leader in innovative environmental policies related to forest carbon and climate change.  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: La Selva Biological Field Station, approx. 1.5 hours from San Jose, Costa Rica.  
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18. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_  
\$59.50 per night  
\_\_\_\_\_
19. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: OTS' field station, La Selva Biological Station, is a premier training center for courses related to tropical forests. The station is also the site of cutting edge scientific research on forest-carbon cycles, which will be visited during the course.  
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20. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	~ \$600 (air/local travel)	\$235 (meals included)	meals included in lodging
For each accompanying family member	(for participants only - N/A)		

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$25 Necessary guide for field <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Visit carbon forest experiments, course materials, reception
For each accompanying family member		

21. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

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

Signature: Elizabeth C. Losos

Name and title: Elizabeth C. Losos, PhD, President and CEO

Organization: Organization for Tropical Studies

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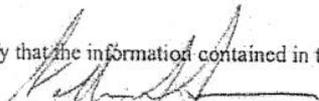
The Committee staff may contact the above individual if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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

Signature: 

Name and title: William G. Green, General Counsel & Secretary

Organization: Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

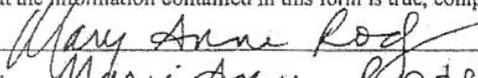
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22. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name and title: Mary Anne Rodgers General Counsel

Organization: David + Walter Packard Foundation

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Committee on Standards of Official Conduct  
PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM**

**(Attachments)**

5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited:

OTS selected participants because of professional environmental issues related to energy, climate, and international forest carbon.

**Cameron Arterton**

Ways & Means Committee  
Office of Congressman Lloyd Doggett

**Casey Fromson**

Legislative Assistant  
Office of Congresswoman Anna Eshoo

**Ben Hengst**

House Committee on Energy and Commerce

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CRS

**Natalie Tawil**

Congressional Budget Office

**Alexandra Teitz**

House Committee on Energy and Commerce

8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities): Please see next sheet

12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the purpose of the trip and the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

*"International Forest Carbon Policy for U.S. Decision-Makers Course"* is a four-day course held at La Selva Biological Station in Costa Rica with the goal of providing an in-depth and balanced exposure to the scientific, economic, and political concepts behind international forest carbon policies and the ramifications of their implementation to the United States and to the tropics.

As the primary organizer of the course, OTS led the development of the course agenda and content, selection of speakers, and arranged all logistics, including lodging and transportation. GBMF and DLPF have provided grant funds to OTS in support of the course. Program Officer Evan Notman, on behalf of GBMF, and Dan Zarin, on behalf of DLPF, contributed to the course content and curriculum by collaborating with OTS to identify relevant topics and speakers, establish a budget, and set the agenda. The course participants, however, were selected at the sole discretion of OTS and neither GBMF nor DLPF played any role in their selection, nor does either foundation control OTS.



**International Forest Carbon Policy for U.S. Decision-Makers  
Course Description and Agenda**

La Selva Biological Station, Costa Rica

Date: October 10-13, 2009

The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives are actively engaged in developing a climate and energy policy for the United States. One of the critical issues that congress is already grappling with is whether or not international forest carbon (reduced emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, also known as REDD) should play a significant role. It is recognized that deforestation and forest degradation annually contribute about one fifth of global carbon emission. Reducing such emissions offers great financial and environmental benefits to the U.S. and to the world. Nonetheless, verifying and enforcing reductions in emissions from forests is complex in the United States and even harder in forests abroad. Determining whether forest carbon can represent "permanent" and "real" emission reductions and deciding how such reductions are used in domestic and international carbon markets remain issues of debate.

In order to demystify these issues and provide a basic understanding of forest carbon that will allow policy makers to assess options and proposed policies, the Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) is offering a four-day course entitled, "*International Forest Carbon Policy for U.S. Decision-Makers*." The goal of the course is to provide an in-depth and balanced exposure to the scientific, economic, and political concepts behind REDD policies and the ramifications of their implementation to the United States and to the tropics. Specifically, this course will address:

- What are the scientific, financial, and political reasons for including international forest carbon in a climate policy?
- What are the barriers to implementation, monitoring, and verification? What can we learn from past efforts to conserve forests?
- What are the ramifications of proposed international forest carbon policies for environmental (climate and other) and economic outcomes in the US and in the tropics?

One of the unique attributes of this course is that participants will be able to gain on-the-ground experience with forest carbon projects in the tropics. Participants will have the opportunity to see rainforest projects; discuss with practitioners what constraints they face; engage in forest monitoring and verification exercises to better assess the limitations of methods employed; and interact with Costa Rican and other international experts in extended formal and informal discussions. In addition, over a four-day period, participants will take part in group discussion sessions and informal conversations with colleagues from both parties and from legislative and executive branches of the U.S. Government.

The course will be held in Costa Rica October 10-13, 2009. After the course is completed, we will host a roundtable in Washington, D.C. for participants and other interested Congressional and executive branch staff to further discuss U.S. legislative and diplomatic efforts. Several experts on forest carbon policy and programs will provide insights and updates, and answer questions as they arise.

**Course Agenda**

OTS has developed, over the course of two decades, an environmental policy series for U.S. environmental decision-makers that blends rigorous instruction from international experts with hands-on exposure to on-going projects and their lessons learned. The design of the *International Forest Carbon Policy for US Decision-Makers Course* is based on this model. For example, the workshop will include lectures from internationally respected scientists working on tropical forestry and the carbon cycle, followed by first-hand visits to their research sites. Similarly, after lectures from scientists involved in developing forest monitoring and verifications protocols, course participants will have the opportunity to

conduct remote sensing exercises in a Global Information System (GIS) laboratory and then ground truth their findings in the rainforest. Similarly, Costa Rican economists and government officials who have pioneered environmental services payment programs will lecture on their experiences, successes, and short-comings; participants will have the opportunity to visit projects undertaken as a result of these programs. Throughout these exercises, workshop participants will benefit from group discussions among themselves and with visiting experts from other countries who will add their experiences to a larger context.

<b>Sat, Oct 10</b>	<b>Introduction to Rain Forests and U.S. Policy</b>
~ 7:00 am	Departure from Washington, D.C.
~ 1:00 pm	Arrival in San José Airport, Costa Rica and transfer to La Selva Biological Station
~ 3:30 pm	Arrival at La Selva Biological Station and check into rooms, refreshments
4:30 pm – 5:45 pm	Tour carbon-forest research programs in tropical forests
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Why link tropical forests and U.S. policy? (course introduction and review of objectives)
<b>Sun, Oct 11</b>	<b>Tropical Forest – Carbon Connection</b>
8:00 am – 9:15 am	Tropical forest dynamics and carbon sequestration (lecture & discussion)
9:30 am – 10:15am	Monitoring and verifying forest carbon: Potential and limitations (lecture & discussion)
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Trends in global tropical deforestation (lecture & discussion)
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm	How data are acquired and analyzed: Hands-on exercise in La Selva Geographical Information System Laboratory (GIS laboratory exercise)
2:30 pm – 4:15 pm	Ground-truthing: Group field exercise within La Selva rainforest (forest visit)
4:30 pm – 5:45 pm	Tropical forests and carbon in a changing climate (lecture & discussion)
7:30 pm – 8:45 pm	Reception
<b>Mon, Oct 12</b>	<b>International Carbon Projects and Policies</b>
8:00 am – 8:45am	How REDD works (lecture & discussion)
9:00 am – 9:45 am	Policy impacts on deforestation (lecture & discussion)
10:00 am – 10:35 am	Introduction to pilot REDD projects throughout the tropics (lectures & discussion)
10:45 am- 11:10 am	GHG emissions reductions and forest conservation: Lessons learned from the Brazilian experience (lecture & discussion)
11:15 am – 11:45 am	GHG emissions reductions and forest conservation: Lessons learned from the Guyanese experience (lecture & discussion)
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Visit to local Environmental Payment Services site (field visit & discussion with local landowners, government officials, community representatives)
4:00 pm – 4:50 pm	GHG emission reductions and forest conservation: Lessons learned in Costa Rica (lecture & discussion)
5:00 pm – 5:45 pm	Alignment of payments and outcomes: Institutions and oversight (lecture & discussion)
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Group discussion: U.S. and UNFCCC policies to address deforestation and degradation (lecture & discussion)
<b>Tues, Oct 13</b>	<b>Carbon Financing</b>
8:00 am – 8:40 am	Options for market or grant-based mechanisms for international forest carbon: Implications for U.S. and international strategies (lecture & discussion)
8:45 am – 9:10 am	Current U.S. legislative process (lecture)
9:15 am – 10:25 am	Group discussion of U.S. policy options, legislative initiatives, and options; course evaluation
10:30 am	Transfer from La Selva to San Jose Airport

**Organization for Tropical Studies**

OTS, a consortium of 63 universities and research institutions from the United States, Latin America, South Africa, and Australia, has been dedicated for 46 years to the promotion of research, education, and the sustainable use of natural resources in the tropics. Headquartered at Duke University and the University of Costa Rica, OTS operates three research stations in Costa Rica and offers education and training courses to undergraduates, graduate students, natural resource managers, and environmental decision makers. For more than two decades, OTS has offered a US Decision-Makers Course Series in Costa Rica to introduce U.S. environmental policy makers to issues related to the science, economic development, and environment in the tropics. As a research-based organization, OTS has supported at its biological research stations cutting-edge research on tropical forest dynamics and climate for more than four decades. Long-term data from OTS' La Selva Biological Station are being used to ascertain forest-climate interactions as well as current and future trends in species distribution and abundances. Less than a handful of sites in the tropics have the wealth of information that can be used for assessing climate change and monitor the effectiveness of any carbon reducing measure on the tropical forests.

**Why Costa Rica?**

Costa Rica is the ideal location to investigate international forest carbon policy. The Costa Rican Government, private sector, and non-governmental communities have been piloting innovative environmental programs in the area of environmental service payments and carbon offsets for more than a decade. This experience has allowed for retrospective assessments of what has and has not worked on the ground, allowing for refinement of policy approaches. The government has been a world leader in advancing novel policy solutions. In fact, it was one of the first promoters of recognizing the value of reducing emissions from deforestation in 2005. Please see the attached recent Op-Ed piece from Tom Friedman on this subject.

**Support**

This course is sponsored by The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and The David & Lucile Packard Foundation.

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**PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM**  
**For Members, Officers, and Employees**

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.*

**YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: Cameron Arterton

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: Rep. Lloyd Doggett

Office address: 201 Cannon HOB

Phone number: 202-225-4865

Email address of contact person: cameron.arterton@mail.house.gov

- Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.

**NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.**

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct  
U.S. House of Representatives  
HT-2, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-7103 (phone)  
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

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**PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM**

1. Name of Traveler: Cameron Arterton
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS),  
The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation (GMBF), and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation (DLPF)
3. Travel destination(s): Costa Rica
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: October 10 - October 13, 2009  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No  
If yes, dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No  
b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Relationship to traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (*i.e.*, the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)?  Yes  No  
b. If yes, check one of the following:  N/A – Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)  
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested:  or  
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested:   
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (*indicate that form is attached by checking box*):
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:  
I am the lead staffer for Representative Doggett on climate change.  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. **FOR STAFF:  
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Signature of Employing Member

**NOTE:** This page must be submitted with your post-travel disclosure form within 15 days of your return, so you should maintain a photocopy of the completed form for your records.