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Stephanie Deluca Begins Term as the Biophysical Society's 2016-2017 Congressional Fellow

Rockville, MD — The Biophysical Society (BPS) is pleased to announce that Stephanie Deluca has begun her term as the Society's BPS Congressional Fellow. Deluca will spend a year working in a Congressional office on legislative and policy areas requiring scientific input. She will also be part of the AAAS Science and Technology Fellowship Program, which includes an orientation on congressional and executive branch operations and a year-long seminar series on issues related to science policy. The orientation started today.

DeLuca received her PhD in Chemical and Physical Biology from Vanderbilt University and has served as the Science Policy Fellow at the American Chemical Society (ACS) since September 2014. As for this next step in her career, she is excited about, "working in a fast-paced, high-stakes environment, where the work I do could have a real impact on people."

The Society's leadership decided to offer the fellowship in 2015 in recognition that public policy increasingly impacts scientific research, and basic science literacy is increasingly needed to develop responsible policy. Through the fellowship, the Society's leaders hope to provide a bridge between scientists and policymakers.

Deluca is the Society's second fellow; applications are currently being accepted for the fellowship term that begins August 2017.

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