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JSPG CEO Adriana Bankston Named 2022 ARIS Fellow

Washington, DC (February 7, 2022) – Congratulations to *JSPG* CEO Adriana Bankston, who was selected as an <u>Advancing Research Impact in Society (ARIS)</u> Fellow for 2022-2023.

The goal of the ARIS Fellows program is to increase the quality and availability of scholarship and resources about research impacts through projects that synthesize existing scholarly work or develop small-scale innovative scholarship in research impact practices. This year's <u>class of ARIS Fellows</u> will focus on a number of priorities related to workforce readiness and science communication practices in broader impacts.

"The ARIS community brings together professionals with a rich diversity of backgrounds and professional practices. The suite of 2022 Fellows projects reflects that diversity," said **Julie Risien**, PhD, Associate Director of the STEM Research Center at Oregon State University and Co-Investigator of ARIS.

By day, Bankston is a Principal Legislative Analyst at the <u>University of California Office of Federal</u> <u>Governmental Relations</u> in Washington, DC. In addition to working at UC, Bankston is also a Biomedical Workforce & Policy Research Investigator at the <u>STEM Advocacy Institute</u>, and Co-Chair of the Education Task Force with <u>Women in Government Relations</u>.

Bankston is passionate about empowering the next generation of scientists and making their voices heard across international platforms in science policy. In this fellowship, Bankston will work on a project entitled Developing the Next Generation Workforce Through Science Policy as a Bridge between Science and Society, with the goal of expanding science policy training and resources for students from a variety of backgrounds.

"I am honored to be selected as a 2022 ARIS fellow and contribute to advancing broader impacts through building a diverse and inclusive scientific workforce of the future," said **Adriana Bankston**, *JSPG* CEO. "Having the opportunity to empower the next generation of science policy leaders through the ARIS fellowship is a true privilege, and I look forward to developing broader impact resources to broadly benefit the scientific and policy community."

The 2022 class of ARIS Fellows includes 13 professionals in science education, communication and policy, as well as public engagement and media outreach from U.S. universities and organizations spanning a number of scientific disciplines.

ABOUT JSPG

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ABOUT ARIS

The Center for Advancing Research Impact in Society (ARIS) works with U.S. and international scientists and engagement practitioners to build capacity, advance scholarship, grow partnerships and provide resources to help them engage with and demonstrate the impact of research in their communities and society. Founded in September 2018 and housed at the University of Missouri, with support from the National Science Foundation (NSF), the ARIS Center (ARIS, OIA #1810732) emphasizes support for serving traditionally underserved populations while providing inclusive public engagement to ensure a diverse science workforce. The work of the center is beneficial to researchers who increase knowledge and discovery, to practitioners who collaborate with researchers and community stakeholders, and to the public who benefit from research and education advancements. ARIS is home to a thriving community of practice including more than 1,000 members. Visit researchinsociety.org and follow on ARIS on Twitter @arisimpacts to learn more.