ABSTRACT: The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) seeks to "advance science, engineering, and innovation throughout the world for the benefit of all people." To fulfill this mission, the AAAS members aim for the following broad goals:

- Enhance communication among scientists, engineers, and the public;
- Promote and defend the integrity of science and its use;
- Strengthen support for the science and technology enterprise;
- Provide a voice for science on societal issues;
- Promote the responsible use of science in public policy;
- Strengthen and diversify the science and technology workforce;
- Foster education in science and technology for everyone;
- Increase public engagement with science and technology; and
- Advance international cooperation in science.

Dr. Nguyen was chosen to be an American Association for the Advancement of Science's Science & Technology Policy Fellow (2018-2020) as a Force for Science. Before beginning his assignments, he took part in a two-week orientation – a federal policy boot camp – to prepare for the challenges and opportunities ahead. The orientation offered him briefings on subjects like our Government, the Constitution, national security, economic policy, and science diplomacy. Because he cares about science and society, and he cares about using science to address the most important and pressing challenges of our day, he has been immersed in science policy and how to apply his scientific expertise in the federal government. It has been a transformative experience for Dr. Nguyen. His presentation will focus on his impact as a Force for Science.

Faculty, staff and students are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served beginning at 9:30 am.