



**ISAC Spring Conference
March 13-14, 2025
ISAC Educational Seminars**

Thursday, March 13

9:00 am - 10:15 am

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1) Iowa Congressional Staff Panel – Meeting Room 302-305

This panel discussion, moderated by ISAC Executive Director Andrea Woodard will discuss the importance of Congressional staff throughout Iowa and the important services that they can provide to county officials and your constituents. Staff members will explain how Congressional offices function from the boots on the ground to those in the Capitol.

Speakers:

- John Hollinrake – Deputy State Director for Senator Ernst
- Carol D. Olson – State Director for Senator Grassley
- Emily Schwickerath – District Director for Congressman Feenstra
- Brittney Zumbach Carroll – District Director and Senior Advisor for Congresswoman Hinson
- Wes Enos – Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Nunn
- Joe Krenzelok – District Director for Congresswoman Miller-Meeks

2) Civility, Difficult Discussions, and Working with the Public – Meeting Room 306-308

In a time of media bubbles and deep political division, the virtues and practices of civility are in trouble. Led by Scott Samuelson from Iowa State University, this presentation will explore what civility really is and how we can revive it. We will look at ways of dealing with incivility, increasing one's own civility, creating the conditions for civility with others, and having difficult conversations about topics that matter to communities.

Speaker: Scott Samuelson, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach