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Union, took a job on 10 October with Senator Harry Reid (D-Nev.). Wayland, who holds a PhD in geology and resource development from Michigan State University, expected to work on issues such as waste-

water infrastructure legislation. While infrastructure is still a concern, the question has shifted to how safe such systems are from terrorist attacks. "We are looking at the safety of all the critical infrastructures," Wayland said. "The safety of nuclear waste, and how vulnerable water systems in small communities are. It is a whole range of things."

Wayland was in an elevator in the Hart Senate Office Building that tested positive for anthrax. Because she was in a "hot zone," she was on a full 60-day regimen of antibiotics. "If I had to be anyplace during this, I'm glad to be here," she said. "We're getting more information and there is less panic here than anywhere else."

American Physical Society fellow Jennifer Wiseman, who holds a PhD in astronomy from Harvard University, was weighing several offers on Capitol Hill when the anthrax attacks occurred and, as a result, had to deal with delays in the placement process. "I've been in every infected building, but not on the problem days. But it's an intense time. In spite of walking around in anthrax-ridden buildings, I think this is great."

Wiseman, a Hubble Fellow at Johns Hopkins University before coming to Washington, planned on working for the House Science Committee's subcommittee on space and aeronautics. "I considered a diverse range of opportunities, and the choices have been hard. I'm using this as a test experience to see if I want to stay in the policy realm or go back to academia."

The American Institute of Physics's new fellow, Maureen Melody, planned to spend the year working on intellectual property issues in the office of Representative Howard Berman (D-Calif.). Melody, who holds a PhD in applied physics from the University of Michigan, did her thesis "on the singing voice," she said. "As part of that, I got my computer to sing in different voices, and the idea of intellectual property rights arose." Berman is on a subcommittee that

The yearlong congressional fellowship programs are intended to enable scientists to broaden their experience through direct involvement with the legislative process and to provide members of Congress with scientific advice and information. Information about the AIP, APS, AGU, and OSA fellowships, including how to apply, is available on the Web. For AIP: <http://www.aip.org/pubinfo>. For APS: <http://www.aps.org/fellowship>. For AGU: http://www.agu.org/sci_soc/policy/congress_fellow.html. For OSA: <http://www.osa.org/aboutosa/awards/other/congSPIE.cfm>. Applications for the 2002-03 term are due in early 2002.

deals with intellectual property, so Melody expected to be deeply involved in the issue. "If I like this I might continue to work on policy, but I would be surprised if I didn't end up back in academia at some point," she said.

Given the atmosphere on Capitol

Hill, she said, it was difficult to know when the focus will return to issues not related to terrorism. "It is tense and distracted around here now," she said in late October. "Things are being can-



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celed and no one knows what the agenda will be." And she, like many people in Washington, was anxious about another terrorist attack. "The only thing that worries me is what's next. I'm in the bull's-eye."

Eric Werwa, who is being sponsored jointly by OSA and the Materials Research Society, came to Capitol Hill from his job as an assistant professor of physics at Otterbein College in Ohio. "In addition to teaching physics, I taught a course called 'Energy, Science, and Society,' and I became excited about the idea of doing it, not just teaching it," he said.



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Werwa landed in Representative Mike Honda's (D-Calif.) office, which he believed would be a good place to pursue his interests. "Honda's on the science committee, he's interested in energy issues, and he's interested in education, which I come from," Werwa said. "He represents Silicon Valley and my background is materials science." Werwa holds a PhD in electronic materials from MIT.

Only a few days after Werwa sat down at his desk in the Cannon House Office Building, anthrax forced the staff out. They returned a few days later, Werwa said, and he expected his immediate focus would be on ways to increase biosecurity. **JIM DAWSON**

AIP Forum Focuses on Color Digital Documents

Attendees at the annual Industrial Physics Forum, held in Rochester, New York, on 22 and 23 October, were shown the latest developments in color copying technology as they toured the Xerox Corp's Wilson Center for Research and Technology. The forum, "Color Documents in the Internet Era," was sponsored by the American Institute of Physics's Corporate Associates, *The Industrial Physicist*, and the Optical Society of America. Some participants arrived a day early to attend an academic-industry workshop that focused on revitalizing undergraduate-level physics curricula. The AIP Prize for Industrial Applications of Physics was presented to retired Bell Labs, Lucent Technologies physicist Charles Henry for his work on the optical properties of quantum wells and semiconductor lasers.



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