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Former EPA head Carol Browner will discuss “The Politics of Climate Change” at Wellesley College next month as part of the school’s fifth annual Albright Institute winter session led by alumna and former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, campus officials announced.

Browner is scheduled to give her talk on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 4 p.m., [the college said](#). The event will be free, open to the public and live streamed online [here](#).

Browner also worked in the Obama administration from 2009-2011 as director of the White House Office of Energy and Climate Change Policy.

Before that she worked as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency during the Clinton administration from 1993 to 2001, the same years Albright worked as US Ambassador to the UN and Secretary of State.

Albright and a number of academics, policymakers, business executives and other leaders will lead the annual program’s winter session this year, which runs from Jan. 6 to 24.

Forty Wellesley students, or Albright Fellows, have been picked for the program to spend their winter break “learning the ropes on how to change the world,” the college said in a statement.

“Albright Fellows learn from the expertise and perspectives of faculty and thought leaders who represent a wide variety of fields including science, engineering, sociology, political science, arts and literature, and economics,” the college said.


This year’s syllabus includes “Why Women’s Leadership is the Cause of Our Times;” “The Olympic Movement: Women’s Sports Participation and its Global Impact;” “Bombs Away: Cluster Munitions, Killer Robots, and Humanitarian Disarmament;” and “Why Good People Do Bad Environmental Things.”

Toward the end of the intensive, three-week program, the fellows team up to propose “innovative solutions to world problems” and will present their work to Browner, the program’s distinguished visiting professor this year, for critique and analysis.

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