

ENGINEERING FOR ENERGY DEMANDS

Ershaghi Center for Energy Transition, University of Southern California Viterbi School of Engineering,
Forum on Complex Unifiable Systems, National Academy of Engineering

Wednesday, April 22, 2026
9:00 am to 3:00pm ET
USC Capital Campus and Live-Online
1771 N St NW, Washington, DC 20036

AGENDA

8:15 am ET	<i>Breakfast and Registration</i>
9:00 am	Marsha H. Ershaghi , <i>Managing Partner, LMH Strategies, Inc.</i>
9:05 am	Yannis Yortsos , <i>Dean, USC Viterbi School of Engineering</i>
9:15 am	Iraj Ershaghi , <i>Omar B. Milligan Chair in Petroleum Engineering and Director, Ershaghi Center for Energy Transition (ECET)</i> Guru Madhavan , <i>Norman R. Augustine Senior Scholar and Senior Director of Programs; Director, Forum on Complex Unifiable Systems, National Academy of Engineering</i>
9:30 am	Opening Plenary: Energy Transition and the Engineering Workforce Tsu-Jae Liu , <i>President, National Academy of Engineering</i> Moderated by Marsha H. Ershaghi , <i>Managing Partner LMH Strategies, Inc.</i>
10:15 am	Break
10:30am	Keynote The Honorable Chris Wright , <i>Secretary of the US Department of Energy (Invited)</i> Followed by a conversation led by Kyle Koerner, <i>Founder/Principal, Array LLC</i>
11:15 am	A Comparative Analysis of Major Energy Forecasts Cathy McClay , <i>Head of Futures, UK National Grid (virtual)</i> Donald Paul , <i>Executive Director, USC Energy Institute</i>
12:00pm	Lunch

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Investment Trends

Moderator: Gary Buntmann, Executive Chairman, Crimson Resource Management

Matt Schultz, Director, RW Baird

1:45 pm

Future of Nuclear Energy

Moderator: John Mork, Chief Executive Officer, EnerG-ID Solutions Corporation

Richard Meserve, President Emeritus, Carnegie Institution for Science and Former Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Jose Reyes Jr., Co-Founder, Chief Technology Officer NuScale

2:30 pm

Recognitions

2:40 pm

Synthesis

Alton D. Romig, Jr., Executive Officer, National Academy of Engineering

2:50 pm

Closing

Behnam Jafarpour, Associate Director, ECET

3:00 pm

Networking Reception