

**Emily Dougherty** is a dedicated environmental policy and communications professional. She began her career at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency five years ago as a student hire in the former Student Career Experience Program.

Beyond the demands of her professional role at EPA, Emily has been significantly involved in EPA's Emerging Leaders Network (ELN)—an employee-run organization that helps to build the capacity, and reinforce the passion, of EPA's emerging leaders through monthly events, seminars and workshops. She has served two years as one of the ELN Chief Stewards, and previously led the professional development sub-committee. Beyond ELN, she is active in the NextGen Leadership Forum and Board, and was a speaker at the 2014 NextGen Summit.

Involvement in ELN has been pivotal to her professional development—helping her hone her skills to lead from her level and take on an ever-evolving range of roles and projects as an agile, high-performing Special Assistant in the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics at the U.S. EPA. Emily recently returned from a seven-month detail assignment as an Associate Director in the Office of Environment and Natural Resources at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. She graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with Bachelor of Arts degrees in English, Communications and International Studies.

She looks forward to sharing her insights and experience on the “Leading from Where You Are” panel.