TBAALAS is honored to host Paula Clifford at the 2018 meeting as our distinguished keynote speaker.

Paula Clifford is the Executive Director for Americans for Medical Progress (AMP) where she is leading national advocacy efforts. She creates and leads several innovative programs designed to provide information to the public about biomedical research and the role of animals in advancing medicine and science. Previously, she was the Executive Director for the PA Society for Biomedical Research (PSBR). While at PSBR, she led efforts to provide educational programs about biomedical research for K-12 classrooms. During this time, she also served as a Board Member for States United for Biomedical Research (SUBR) where she played a key role in fostering collaborations among other biomedical research organizations to more effectively leverage resources, analyze trends and inform the public. Past professional roles include Vice President of Operations for Animal Care Training Services (ACTS) and Training Manager at the University of Pennsylvania.

She currently serves as Commercial Training Partner's (CTPer) Chair on the Laboratory Animal Welfare Training Exchange Biennial Conference Committee, Co-Chair for the Animal Research Education Awareness (AREA) program for the American Association for Laboratory Science’s TriBranch Symposium, and a volunteer for Homes for Animal Heroes.

Paula received a Master of Liberal Arts in Training Program Evaluation for Animal Care and Use Programs from the University of Pennsylvania, a Bachelor of Arts as biology major from Rutgers and an Associate Degree in Applied Science for veterinary technology from Camden County College. She is a Pennsylvania Licensed Veterinary Technician and Certified by the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science as a Registered Laboratory Animal Technologist (LATG).

Paula is very EXCITED to share with us the new launch of AMP’s outreach training tool, “Come See Our World”. This tool is designed to allow the public to gain an inside look of what we do and open the door to our world through dialog, new pictures and videos depicting the welfare of research animals.