



*“Enhancing Communities Through Capacity  
Building and Technical Assistance”*

**AGENDA**

**DAY 1—WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013**

**GRAND OPENING PLENARY SESSION AND RECEPTION**

**Howard University School of Law  
Moot Court Room  
2900 Van Ness Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20008**

5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. The 2013 National Environmental Justice Conference and  
Training Program Kick-Off

**Welcome/Opening Remarks**

**Dean O.C. Dark  
Professor of Law and Associate Dean for  
Academic Affairs  
Howard University School of Law**

**Timothy Fields, Jr.  
Senior Vice President, MDB, Inc.  
Vice-Chairman, Board of Directors  
National Environmental Justice  
Conference, Inc.**

**Vernice Miller-Travis  
Vice Chair, Maryland Commission on  
Environmental Justice and Sustainable  
Communities**



**2013 National Environmental Justice Conference**  
**& Training Program**

5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

**Presentations:** This opening session will focus on capacity building efforts and techniques, best practices in environmental sustainability, and will highlight several case studies.

Moderators

**Lonnie Sharpe, Ph.D., P.E**  
Samuel P. Massie Chairs of Excellence  
Tennessee State University

**Lessie Price**  
Manager, Government Affairs  
URS Corporation

**Onaje Jackson, President**  
Sustainable Systems and Design International, LLC  
Christiansted, Virgin Islands  
(S.A.F.E. Earth (Sustainability))

**Elizabeth Migliore**  
Graduate Assistant, Environmental Studies  
Ohio University  
(Environmental Justice Implications of Energy  
Extraction on Rural Communities)

**Dr. Michele Morrone**  
Environmental Health  
Department of Social and Public Health  
Ohio University  
(Appalachian Voices, Environmental Justice, and  
Community Health)

**Dr. David A. Padgett**  
Tennessee State University  
Nashville, TN  
(Environmental Justice in Emergency Preparedness  
for Natural Hazards)

**Nancy E. Bertaux, PhD**  
Co-Chair, Sustainability Committee  
Professor of Economics  
Xavier University  
Cincinnati, OH  
(Building Capacity at the Local Level)

**Dr. Clifford Cockerham**  
Tennessee State University  
Nashville, TN  
(Empowering Youth-Building Community)

**Marilyn Guidry, PhD, MPH,**  
**Theresa Ramos**  
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania  
(Library Hot Spots in Comfortable Community Spaces)



**Garry Harris**  
**Center for Sustainable Communities**  
**Atlanta, GA**  
**(Sustainable Communities)**

**Kathleen Mecca, President**  
**Niagara Gateway Columbus Park Association**  
**Buffalo, New York**  
**(The High Cost of Free Trade: Importing Pollution at the Expense of Buffalo's Poor)**

7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.      **Reception**

**DAY 2—THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2013**

*FIRST FULL DAY OF THE 2013 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE AND TRAINING PROGRAM*

**Washington Marriott at Metro Center**  
**Grand Ballroom Salons A-D**  
**775 12th Street, N.W.**  
**Washington, DC 20005**

7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.      **Registration**

**Exhibit Hall Open**

8:00 a.m.—8:15 a.m. **Welcome/Opening Remarks**

**Mistress of Ceremonies**  
**Ms. Carolyn Sawyer**  
**Communications Strategist**  
**Tom Sawyer Company**

**Benjamin F. Wilson, Esq.**  
**Managing Principal**  
**Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.,**  
**Chairman, Board of Directors**  
**National Environmental Justice**  
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8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **Presentation: Tribal Governments Consultation Policies/Practices**

**Milton Bluehouse, Jr.**  
**Owner, Tribal Consultation Resources, LLC**



**John P. Bathke, J.D.**  
**Assistant Professor, College of Business and**  
**Professional Studies**  
**Ashford University**

9:00 a.m.—9:05 a.m. Introduction of Keynote Speaker

**Melinda Downing,**  
**Environmental Justice Program Manager**  
**U.S. Department of Energy**

9:05 a.m. —9:30 a.m.

Opening Keynote Speaker  
**The Honorable Daniel B. Poneman**  
**Deputy Secretary**  
**U.S. Department of Energy**

9:30 a.m.—9:45 a.m.

Break

9:45 a.m.—10:45 a.m.

**Panel: Reaching Our New Constituencies, USDA**  
**Forest Service**

Moderator

**Heidi McAllister, Assistant Director**  
**Conservation Education**  
**USDA Forest Service**

**Michelle Tamez**  
**USDA Forest Service**

**Ricki Kaplan**  
**The Ad Council**

**Daryl Pridgen**  
**USDA Forest Service**

**Tamberly Conway**  
**USDA Forest Service**

Recognizing the changing demographics of the nation, the USDA Forest Service is actively reaching out to historically underserved populations and ensuring that our collective youth programming efforts are targeted, coordinated, and inclusive of all Americans. By improving awareness of our nation's forests and grasslands, particularly among under-reached population sectors and urban communities, the public will develop a deeper sense of place and understanding of the importance of nature experiences to their health and well-being.



10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Intergenerational Collaboration: Sharing the Knowledge and Understanding of Environmental Justice**

Moderator:

**Sherri P. White**

**Program Manager**

**Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice**

**Richard Moore, Coordinator**

**Los Jardinas (The Garden) Institute**

**Miss Eboni Smith**

**Senior, East Columbus High School**

**Lake Waccamaw, NC**

**Christopher Rooney**

**Thomas Stone High School**

**Waldorf, MD**

**Bonnetta Adeeb**

**Thomas Stone High School**

**Waldorf, MD**

**Jalonne White-Newsome**

**WEACT for Environmental Justice**

During this interactive session the audience will have the opportunity to hear from trailblazers, GenXers, and millennials about models within organizations that have engaged young people. We will also hear from young people about their aspirations for the future of environmental justice. The session will include a discussion of the challenges and successes of engaging all age groups in meaningful involvement in environmental justice work in communities.

12:15 p.m.—12:30 p.m.

Break

12:30 p.m.—1:15 p.m.

Lunch

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

**Pat Carey**

**Lead Environmental Justice Coordinator**

**Innovation, Partnerships and Communication Office**

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

Luncheon Keynote Speaker

**Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator**

**Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response**

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**



1:15 p.m.--1:30 p.m.

Break

1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

**Panel: Environmental Justice: How Social Determinants Affect Health Disparities**

Overview and Introduction

**Dr. David Rivers, Assistant Professor, Medical University of South Carolina and Director, Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO)**

**The Honorable Congresswoman Donna Christensen, M.D., (Democrat, U.S. Virgin Islands)**

**Ebony Andrews, MPH  
ORISE Fellow  
Office of the Surgeon General  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

**Jeanette F. Jordan  
Registered Dietitian  
Owner, J and J Health Consultants and  
President, Minority Health Education Network**

2:30 p.m.— 3:30 p.m.

**Panel: The U.S. EPA Superfund Program: Building Community Capacity through Technical Assistance**

**Yolanda Sanchez, Environmental Justice Coordinator, U.S. EPA, Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation**

**Freya Margand, TASC Program Manager, U.S. EPA, Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation**

**Suzanne Wells, Branch Chief, U.S. EPA Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation, Community Involvement & Program Initiatives Branch**

**Steve Lester, Science Director, Center for Health, Environment & Justice**

3:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m.

Break

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

**Panel: Building Safe and Healthy Communities**

Overview and Introduction

**Carlton Eley  
Urban Planner, Office of Environmental Justice  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**



**Chris B. Trent, M.S.**  
Health Scientist  
Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Mustafa Ali**  
Associate Director, Office of Environmental Justice  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Sandra Howard**  
Senior Environmental Health Advisor  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health  
U. S. Department of Health and Human Services

**Yen Luong, MPH**  
Public Health Fellow, Office of Disease prevention and  
Health Promotion  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S.  
Department of Health and Human Services

4:30p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

**Environmental Justice Middle School Competition**  
**Patriots Technology Training Center/U.S. Department**  
**of Energy**  
**(London Rooms 1 & 2)**

5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Break

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**20th Anniversary of the Environmental Protection**  
**Agency's Office of Environmental Justice Program and**  
**Reception**

**DAY 3–FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2013**

*SECOND FULL DAY OF THE 2013 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE AND  
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8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.

**Panel: USDA Forest Service Efforts to Assess Socioeconomic Vulnerability to Climate Change**

Introduction and Overview

**Cathy Dowd**

**Natural Resource Specialist, Forest Service, Office of the Climate Change Advisor, Washington, DC**

**Wilhelmina Bratton**

**National Partnership Coordinator, Forest Service, State & Private Forestry, Washington, DC**

**Christopher Farley**

**National Climate Change Specialist, Forest Service, Research & Development, Washington, DC**

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Panel: Report to the Secretary of Agriculture, USDA Policy and Procedures Review and Recommendations: Indian Sacred Sites**

**Fred Clark**

**USDA Forest Service Office of Tribal Relations**

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Presentation: Environmental Justice Capacity Building in the USDA Forest Service**

**Elisabeth Grinspoon**

**Regional Social Scientist for Pacific Northwest Region, USDA Forest Service**

**Julie Schaefer**

**Regional Social Scientist for Rocky Mountain Region, USDA Forest Service**

10:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

**Break**

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Panel: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act: It's Role in Achieving Environmental Justice**

**Moderator**

**Daria Neal, Esq.**

**Deputy Chief**

**Federal Compliance Section, Civil Rights Division**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Vernice Miller-Travis**

**Vice Chair, Maryland Commission**





**On Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities**

**Marc Brenman**  
Evergreen College

**Helena Wooden Aguilar**  
Office of Civil Rights  
Environmental Protection Agency

**Warren Whitlock**  
Associate Administrator, Office of Civil Rights  
Federal Highway Administration

**Candace Groudine**  
Office of Civil Rights  
Federal Highway Administration

**Dylan DeKervor**  
Office for Civil Rights  
Department of Health and Human Services

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 has been one of several tools used to address disproportionate environmental and human health impacts. This session will discuss recent activities of some federal agencies to strengthen their Title VI enforcement and compliance activities.

11:45 a.m.—12:45 p.m.

**Panel: The Role and Responsibility of Industry in Environmental Justice Moving Forward**

Moderator  
**Timothy Fields, Jr.**  
Senior Vice President, MDB, Inc.

**Sue Briggum**  
Vice President, Federal Public Affairs  
Waste Management

**Vernice Miller-Travis**  
Vice Chair, Maryland Commission  
On Environmental Justice and Sustainable  
Communities

**Richard Moore**  
Coordinator, Los Jardines  
(The Gardens) Institute

**Deidre Sanders, Ph.D.**  
Environmental Justice Program Manager



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**Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

**Lessie Price**  
**Manager, Government Affairs**  
**URS Corporation**

**Harold Mitchell**  
**Executive Director**  
**ReGenesis**

The purpose of this panel is to have a serious and honest dialogue on such issues as the difficulty in engaging the business community on environmental justice matters and how should communities, businesses and governments work together to address EJ concerns.

12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.      Break

1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.      Lunch

Introduction of Keynote Speaker  
**Benjamin F. Wilson, Esq.**  
**Managing Principal**  
**Beveridge & Diamond, P.C., and**  
**Chairman, Board of Directors**  
**National Environmental Justice Conference, Inc.**

Luncheon Keynote Speaker  
**Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr.**  
**Senior Servant**  
**Metropolitan Baptist Church**  
**Washington, D. C. 20001**

2:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.      Awards and Closing Remarks

**Benjamin F. Wilson, Esq.**  
**Managing Principal**  
**Beveridge & Diamond, P.C., and**  
**Chairman, Board of Directors**  
**National Environmental Justice Conference, Inc.**

**Melinda Downing,**  
**Environmental Justice Program Manager**  
**U.S. Department of Energy**



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**Because of chemical sensitivity of many people, we are requesting that attendees wear unscented toiletry items.**



**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS**

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10:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

**Face-to-Face Environmental Justice Training**

**Mustafa S. Ali  
Associate Director  
Office of Environmental Justice  
Environmental Protection Agency**

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Capacity Building Tools for Fostering Dialogue, Action and Change in EJ  
Communities**

Participants will receive an overview of three capacity building tools as well as information on additional resources. Through an in-depth tutorial on the tool of their choice, participants will learn the purpose of the tool as well as how the tool was successfully applied in a local community context. Participants will also have the opportunity to discuss how the tool could be applied to their own community context.

**Cheryl Little  
Senior Associate  
Skeo Solutions**

**Gwen Whiting  
Senior Associate, Everyday Democracy**

**Michael Lythcott  
Senior Associate  
Skeo Solutions**

**Rhonda Muhammad, PhD.  
Chavis Park Public Leadership Group  
Raleigh, NC**

**David Shouse  
Raleigh Department of Parks  
& Recreation  
Raleigh, NC**

**Vernice Miller-Travis  
Senior Associate  
Skeo Solutions**



**DAY 3–FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2013**

10:00a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

**Grant Writing and Technical Assistance**

Part 1. *Ready, Set: Give Me Your Money, What's In A Name?* and, *Do We Really Want To Do This?* Terms and Techniques of Grant Writing

Part 2. *Go: How Do We Do It?* and *How Much Do We Need?* Developing a Proposal and Budget

Part 3. *Where Is The Money?* Finding Available Grant Funding Agencies

**Ms. Deborah N. Blacknall, Grants Administrator and Assistant Officer, Office of Sponsored Programs, South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC**

**Ms. Gwendolyn F. Mitchell Ulmer, Grant Administrator, Office of Sponsored Programs, South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC**