



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

“Environmental Justice: The Next 20 Years”

AGENDA

DAY 1—WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014

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 2014 National Environmental Justice Conference and Training
Program Kick-Off

Welcome/Opening Remarks

**Okianer Christian Dark
Dean
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
Senior Associate, Skeo Solutions
Member, Board of Directors
National Environmental Justice
Conference, Inc.**



5:30 p.m.—7:15 p.m. **Opening Plenary Session—Implementation of Executive Order 13650: Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security**

This session will address the implementation of the Executive Order on Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security issued by President Obama in August 2013, the associated environmental justice issues and concerns, and how to reduce the risks posed by chemical facilities to workers and communities.

Moderator: Timothy Fields
Senior Vice President
MDB, Inc.

Keynote Speaker: Mathy Stanislaus
Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste
and Emergency Response
United States Environmental Protection
Agency

Panel Members: Richard Moore
Coordinator, Los Jardines
(The Gardens) Institute
Co-Chair, Environmental Justice and
Health Alliance for Chemical Policy
Reform

Judah Prero
Assistant General Counsel
American Chemistry Council

Anna Fendley
Legislative Representative
United Steelworkers

Yudith Nieto
Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy
Services
Houston, Texas

7:15 p.m.—9:00 p.m. **Reception**



DAY 2—THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014

FIRST FULL DAY OF THE 2014 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.—8:45 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
Conference, Inc.**

**Kim Lambert
Environmental Justice Coordinator
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

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

8:45 a.m.—9:30 a.m.

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

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



Opening Keynote Speaker

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

9:30 a.m.—9:45 a.m.

Break

9:45 a.m.—10:45 a.m.

**Panel: Customizing Environmental Education, Training, and
Employment Opportunities to Rapidly Changing American
Demographics: Hispanic Communities**

**Moderator and Overview
Kimberly Winter
USDA Forest Service**

**Tamberly Conway
USDA Forest Service**

**Natasha Kerr
Environment for the Americas**

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

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

Keynote Speaker

**The Honorable James E. Clyburn
Assistant Democratic Leader (Democrat, 6th District, South
Carolina)**

11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Panel Presentations: Community Experiences

**“CATCH 22- The March 29, 2013 Mayflower Arkansas
Pegasus Pipeline Rupture and Response. Community Based
Environmental Activism at Risk”**

**Emily L. Harris, MPH
Faulkner County Citizens Advisory Group**



“Finding Common Ground: The True Power & Value of Capacity Building in Environmental Justice Communities”

Kathleen R. Mecca, President, Columbus Park Neighborhood Association, Buffalo, NY

Joseph Golombek, Jr., Councilman, City of Buffalo Common Council, Buffalo, NY

Ron Rienas, General Manager, Peace Bridge Authority, Fort Erie, ON (Canada)

Terrence A. Robinson, Member, City of Buffalo Preservation Board, Buffalo, NY

12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Break

12:45 p.m.— 1:30 p.m.

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

**Natalie Randolph
Senior Advisor
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy**

Remarks & Presentation of Awards

**The Honorable David Klaus
Deputy UnderSecretary
U. S. Department of Energy**

1:30 p.m.--1:45 p.m.

Break

1:45 p.m.—3:15 p.m.

Panel: Environmental Justice: How Social Determinants Affect Health Disparities

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

**Dr. Britt Rios-Ellis, Professor and Director, National La Raza, The Center for Latino Community, California State University Long Beach Foundation Long Beach, CA
(Creating a Community Health Worker Movement in Environmental Justice)
Laura Anderko, RN, PhD, School of Nursing & Health Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, DC**



(Environmental public health tracking, climate change, and environmental justice in the District of Columbia)

Matthew Del Muro
Undergraduate Student
University of Southern California

Tami Thomas-Burton, B.S., MPH
U.S. EPA – Region 4
(Community Engagement and Community Capacity Building through the use of Health Impact Assessment (HIA) in Overburdened Communities)

Lois Wessel, RN, CFNP
Associate Director for Programs
Association of Clinicians for the Underserved (ACU)
Georgetown School of Nursing and Health Studies

3:15 p.m.— 4:15 p.m.

Panel: Environmental Justice Planning Tools and Practices

Sharon D. Beard
Industrial Hygienist, WETB
NIEHS, NIH, DHHS
(Environmental Safety & Health Training)

Suzanne K. Condon, Associate Commissioner
Director, Bureau of Environmental Health
Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Dr. Eduardo P. Olaguer
Program Director, Air Quality Science
Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC)
The Woodlands, Texas

Traceé Strum-Gilliam, AICP
Senior Professional Associate
Senior Supervising Environmental Engineer
Parsons Brinckerhoff
Baltimore, Maryland
(Baltimore Red Line)

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Panel Presentations: Environmental Justice and Indigenous People

“Conceptualizing Climate Justice in Kivalina, Alaska”

Marissa Knodel
Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies
Vermont Law School



“Environmental Justice and Indigenous People: Looking Forward from all Levels Grass Roots to Policy”

Iris D. Ponsano
Economist
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Daniel E. Gogal
Senior Environmental Protection Specialist
Tribal Program Manager
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency

Keely M. Hite
Environmental Protection Specialist
Environmental Consultation Branch
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)
United States Department of the Interior

Brian Krevor
Environmental Protection Specialist
Environment Branch for Renewable Energy
Office of Renewable Energy Program, BOEM
United States Department of the Interior

Katsi Cook
Akwesasne Mohawk Tribe

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Break

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

20th Anniversary of Executive Order 12898 Program and Reception



DAY 3—FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014

SECOND FULL DAY OF THE 2014 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE
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Panel: Environmental Justice Planning Tools and Practices

**Yolanda Manzone, J.D.
Environmental Justice Leader,
Community Benefits Team
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
("Moving Beyond Environmental Justice Mitigation – Building
healthy, vibrant communities through equitable infrastructure
investments")**

**MaKara Rumley
Environmental Justice Attorney
GreenLaw
Atlanta, Georgia
("Fulton County Leads Environmental Justice Policy in
Georgia")**

**Michael W. Burns
Senior Advisor to the EPA Region 4, Regional Administrator
("The College/Underserved Community Partnership Program
(CUPP)")**

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

**Tony Tooke
Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System
U.S. Forest Service
United States Department of Agriculture**



Opening Keynote Speaker

Deputy UnderSecretary Arthur "Butch" Blazer
Natural Resources and Environment
United States Department of Agriculture

10:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Environmental Justice: The Next Generation of Leaders

Introduction & Overview: Dameone Ferguson
Program Manager
U.S. Department of Energy, NNSA

**“Engaging Youth as Civic Activists in the Design and
Development of HOPE San Francisco Housing”**

Prescott Reavis
NOMA, LEED AP BD+C, SEED

Katherine Williams
NOMA AIA

11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

“Elements of an Urban Ubuntu (EUU)”

Amtchat Edwards
USDA Forest Service

Michaela Hall
USDA Forest Service

EUU is a case study of best practices on leading the next generation of leaders to lead themselves. The EUU story involves Federally Employed Job Corps Alumni (FEJCA) and USDA Forest Service Conservation Education (CE) programs. The experience centers around Forest Service’s work with Outdoor Nation (ON).

12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Break

12:30 p.m.—1:15 p.m.

Lunch

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and Community Outreach (PICO)



Luncheon Keynote Speaker

Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr.
Senior Servant
Metropolitan Baptist Church
Washington, D. C.

1:15 p.m.—1:30 p.m.

Break

1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

**Panel: USDA StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity:
Interagency Collaboration around EJ in Rural Communities**

Moderator

Yahaira Lopez
Special Assistant to the Chief, Natural Resources
Conservation Service
USDA

Curtis Winn
President, Roanoke Electric Cooperative
Aulander, NC

Richard Moore
Coordinator, Los Jardines (The Gardens) Institute
Co-Chair, Environmental Justice and Health Alliance for
Chemical Policy Reform

Ron Harris
Director of Outreach, NRCS
USDA

2:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

**Panel: Case Studies: Using Title VI of the Civil Rights Act to
Achieve Environmental Justice**

Moderator

Daria Neal, Esq.
Deputy Chief
Federal Compliance Section, Civil Rights Division
U.S. Department of Justice

James T. Esselman
Special Counsel
Federal Highway Administration

Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Acting Deputy Director
Office of Civil Rights
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency



Marianne Engelman Lado
Managing Attorney, Northeast Office
Earthjustice

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.

4:00 p.m.—4:15 pm

Closing Remarks

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U.S. Department of Energy

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

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London Rooms 1 & 2
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Washington, DC 20005**

DAY 2–THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014

9:45 a.m. — 10:45 a.m.

Face-to-Face Environmental Justice Training

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

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Developing the Framework for Leadership and Change
in Communities with Environmental Justice Concerns**

**Sheryl Good
EPA, Region 4,
Office of Regional Administrator
Office of EJ and Sustainability**

**Lasima Turmon - Graniteville Community Development and Improvement Corporation
Rev. Brendolyn Jenkins - Imani Group
Karen Sprayberry - South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control**

Participants will discuss the Leaders in Environmental Action Pilot (LEAP) and share information on the collaborative, problem-solving approach that was used to assist the organizations in addressing their concerns. Participants will also learn from a DVD chronicling the LEAP effort, as well as participate in interactive exercises using the Workbook developed as a result of the LEAP project, by relating this information to specific examples in their own communities. At the end of the session, participants will be able to: establish a process to identify and prioritize community and organizational issues; assess the organizational capacity of the organization and develop a plan to develop leaders within the community and organization; understand how to build consensus and deal with conflict; identify and secure partners and resources; and understand the importance of having a well-structured, well-managed organization.



4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Workshop: Exploring Environmental Justice Stakeholders' Use and Awareness of Online Environmental Information Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Mapping Web Sites

Ms. Mirabel L. Weriwoh, B.S., MSPH, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN

This workshop will introduce stakeholders to the Environmental Justice Community Information Website, developed and maintained over the past three years through a partnership between Tennessee State University (TSU) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The primary focus of this session is facilitating environmental justice stakeholder participation in community-based research using online GIS mapping resources.

4:00 pm – Welcome and Introductions

4:15 pm – Introduction to the Community Environmental Justice Information Web Site
<https://sites.google.com/site/ejinfotnstate/home>

4:20 pm – Tutorial: The U.S. EPA Environmental Justice Viewer
<http://epamap14.epa.gov/ejmap/ejmap.aspx>

4:35 pm – Tutorial: The National Institutes of Health TOXMAP Site
<http://toxmap.nlm.nih.gov/toxmap/main/index.jsp>

4:50 pm – Participant Survey and Q & A

DAY 3–FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014

10:15a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Grant Writing and Technical Assistance

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

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