



*THE 2016 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE & TRAINING PROGRAM
AND
THE NINTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH DISPARITIES
“A NATIONAL DIALOGUE FOR BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES”*

AGENDA (DRAFT)

DAY 1—WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016

STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM

**Marriott Marquis Washington, D. C.
Independence Ballroom Salons D-H
901 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20001**

7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Registration

Exhibit Hall Open

7:30 a.m.—Noon

**High School, Undergraduate and Graduate
Student Research Forum**

**Chair: Dr. Marvella Ford
Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences
Associate Director, Cancer Disparities
Hollings Cancer Center
Medical University of South Carolina
Charleston, SC**

Noon—12:20 p.m.

Break

12:20 p.m.—1:30 p.m.

LUNCH

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

**Keynote Speaker
Dr. Debra Joy Pérez
Vice President, Research, Evaluation and Learning
Annie E. Casey Foundation
Baltimore, MD**

1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Student Research Forum

NOTICE

Buses will depart from the front of the hotel for the 2016 National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program Opening Plenary Session and Reception at the Howard University School of Law at 4:15 pm.

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 2015 National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program**

**Welcome/Opening
Remarks**

**Danielle Holley-Walker
Dean
Howard University School of Law**

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

5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. **Opening Plenary Session
(TBD)**

7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m. **Reception**

DAY 2—THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016

*SECOND FULL DAY OF THE 2016 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE
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HEALTH DISPARITIES*

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7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. **Registration**

8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Open**

8:00 a.m.--8:45 a.m. **Opening Remarks: Hosts, Sponsors and Other Officials**

8:45 a.m.--9:15 a.m.

Keynote Speaker
The Honorable James E. Clyburn
Assistant Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives, South Carolina-Sixth District

9:15 a.m.--9:45 a.m.

Overview of Health Disparities

Dr. J. Nadine Gracia (*Invited*)
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, Director of
the Office of Minority Health, U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services, Washington, D. C.

9:45 a.m.--10:00 a.m.

Break

10:00 a.m.--11:45 a.m.

Panel

*The Connection Between Public Health and Environmental
Justice – A Discussion by Members of The National
Environmental Policy Commission*

Moderator:

Dr. Jennifer Friday
President and Principal Researcher
The Friday Consulting Group, Atlanta, GA

Panelists:

Mr. Robert Harris
Former Vice President, Environmental Affairs
Pacific Gas & Electric Company
Oakland, CA

Mr. Richard Moore
Coordinator, Los Jardines (The Gardens) Institute
Co-Chair, Environmental Justice and Health Alliance for
Chemical Policy Reform, Albuquerque, NM
Member, Board of Directors, NEJC

Dr. Sue Briggum
Vice President, Federal Public Affair
Waste Management
Washington, D. C.
Member, Board of Directors, NEJC

Dr. Mildred McClain
Co-Founder and Executive Director
Harambee House/Citizens for Environmental Justice,
Savannah, GA
Member, Board of Directors, NEJC

Timothy Fields, Jr.
Senior Vice President, MDB, Inc.
Washington, D. C.
Vice-Chairman, Board of Directors, NEJC

11:45 a.m.--12:15 p.m. **Break**

12:15 p.m.--1:30 p.m. **LUNCH**

Opening Remarks/Introduction of Speaker

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice
President & Dean
Morehouse School of Medicine
Atlanta, GA

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

1:45 p.m.--3:15 p.m. **Panel**

A Focus on Social Determinants and Their Role in Reducing Health Disparities and Building and Sustaining Healthy Communities, Including a Discussion of Environmental Exposures

Video Introduction

Moderator:
Dr. David E. Rivers
Associate Professor and Public Information and Community Outreach Director
Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Panelists:
Dr. Gail Christopher
Vice President for Programs, Food, Health & Well-Being
W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, MI

Dr. Dwayne Proctor (*Invited*)
Director of Disparities, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation,
Princeton, NJ

Ms. Kathy Ko Chin
President and CEO, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health
Forum (APIAHF), San Francisco, CA

Dr. Samuel Ross
Chief Executive Officer, Bon Secours Baltimore Health
System, Maryland Health Enterprise Zones, Baltimore, MD

3:15 p.m.--3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m.--5:00 p.m.

Congressional Roundtable: *Roundtable Discussion with*
Congressional Tri-Caucus Members on Addressing
Environmental Justice and Health Disparities Issues

Moderator:

The Honorable Robin Kelly, MD
U.S. Congress, 2nd District, Illinois
Chair, Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Health Braintrust,
Washington, D. C.

Panelists:

TBD

7:00 p.m.

NETWORKING RECEPTION
Mezzanine Level, Marriott Marquis Washington, D. C.

DAY 3–FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016

THIRD FULL DAY OF THE 2016 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE
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Registration

8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open

8:15 a.m.---8:30 a.m. **Opening Remarks/Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

8:30 a.m.---9:15 a.m. **Keynote Speaker**
Dr. Jonathan Pershing (*Invited*)
Principal Deputy Director
Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis
U.S. Department of Energy
Washington, D.C.

9:15 a.m.---10:45 a.m. **Panel**

Climate Change: A Global Reality- Impacts on Human Health and the Environment

Video Introduction

Moderator:
Dr. LaVerne Ragster
Retired Professor and President Emerita
University of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, USVI

Panelists:
Dr. Mark Mitchell
Principal, Mitchell Environmental Health Associates
Hartford, CT

Ms. Juli Trtanj
Program Director, Oceans and Human Health
Initiative/National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Karen Ross
Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture
Sacramento, CA

Mr. Jack Moyer
Carolinas/Tennessee Water Security and Preparedness Market
Sector Leader, AECOM, Morrisville, NC

Mr. Milton Bluehouse, Esquire
Owner, Tribal Consultation Resources, LLC
Albuquerque, NM

10:45 a.m.---11:00 a.m. **Break**

11:00 a.m.---12:15 p.m.

Panel

The Role of Translational Research in the Development of Public Policy to Address Health Disparities

Moderator:

Dr. Stephanie Gardner

Dean, College of Pharmacy, Associate Provost for Society and Health, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR

Panelists:

Dr. Roberta Troy

**Founding Director of the Health Disparities Institute for Research and Education, Tuskegee University
Tuskegee, AL**

Dr. Frank Meza

**Assistant Area Medical Director, Los Angeles and West Los Angeles Kaiser Medical Centers
Los Angeles, CA**

Ms. Alicia Hunter Warner

**Senior Public Health Analyst, Division of Community Health (DCH), Office of Policy and Partnerships
Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA**

TBD

12:15 p.m.---12:45 p.m.

Break

12:45 p.m.---2:15 p.m.

LUNCH

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Keynote Speaker

Ms. Gina McCarthy (*Invited*)

Administrator

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C.**

2:15 p.m.---2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m.---3:45 p.m.

Panel

Identification of Successful Community-based Programs for Building and Sustaining Healthy Communities

Moderator:

Ms. Lathran Woodard
CEO, South Carolina Primary Health Care Association
Columbia, SC

Panelists:

Ms. Karen Dale
Executive Director, AmeriHealth District of Columbia,
Washington, DC

Dr. Nneka L. Ifejika
Director of Neurorehabilitation, University of Texas Stroke
Team Associate Professor, Department of Neurology,
University of Texas Health Science Center
Houston, TX

The Honorable Harold Mitchell, Jr.
South Carolina State Representative
ReGenesis Project, Spartanburg, SC
Member, Board of Directors, NEJC

Representative TBD
Harlem Children's Zone
Harlem, NY

3:45 p.m.---5:30 p.m.

Panel

Improving Race Relations in America: The Path Forward

Moderator:

Ms. Shirley Franklin
Barbara Jordan Visiting Professor, Lyndon B. Johnson School
of Public Affairs, University of Texas
CEO and Chair of the Board, Purpose Built Communities
Former Mayor of Atlanta
Austin, TX

Panelists:

The Honorable Joseph Riley (*Invited*)
Mayor
City of Charleston, SC

The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake (*Invited*)
Mayor
City of Baltimore, MD

Dr. William Boone
Chair and Professor, Political Science Department
Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA

Ms. Olis Simmons
President and CEO, Youth UpRising: Community
Transformation, Oakland, CA

Ms. Ingrid Saunders Jones
President, National Council of Negro Women
Washington, D. C.

Dr. Allen W. Parrott
Presiding Elder of the Kingstree District in the 7th Episcopal
District of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church
Ladson, SC

DAY 4–SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

*FINAL DAY OF THE 2016 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE AND
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8:15 a.m.---8:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks

8:30 a.m.---9:45 a.m.

Panel

Prevention and Personal Responsibility as Major Themes in Reducing Health Disparities

Moderator:

Dr. Sabra Slaughter, Senior Advisor to the President, Associate Professor, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Panelists:

Ms. Jeannette F. Jordan
Owner, J&J Health Consultants
Goose Creek, SC

Dr. Virginia Davis Floyd
Associate Professor, Community Health & Preventive Medicine, Senior Advisor to the President, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

Dr. Renata Serricchio Leite
Assistant Professor, Division of Periodontics, Department of Stomatology
MUSC, Charleston, SC

Dr. Maia Jackson
Physician Director of Multicultural, Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group, Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic States
Fairfax, VA

9:45 a.m.---11:00 a.m.

Panel

The Impact of Human Trafficking (for Labor and Sexual Purposes) at the National, State and Local Level

Moderator:

Ms. Lisa Williams
Author; Founder, Living Water Learning Resource Center
Atlanta, GA

Panelists:

Ms. Malika Saada Saar (*Invited*)
Director, Human Rights Project for Girls (Rights4Girls)
Special Counsel on Human Rights, The Raben Group
Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Austen Williams
International Human Trafficking Advocate, Mrs. America
2014 Charleston, SC

The Honorable Judge Herman Dawson
Circuit Court, Prince George's County, MD

The Honorable Daniel R. Crumby
Assistant United States Attorney
Augusta, GA

11:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m. **Break**

11:15 a.m.---12:30 p.m. **Panel**

The Role of the Public and Private Sectors in Reducing Health Disparities and Environmental Injustice

Moderator:

Mr. David B. Matthews
Principal Consultant, DB Matthews Consulting, LLC
Brookeville, MD

Panelists:

Dr. Jalonne L. White-Newsome
Environmental Justice Federal Policy Analyst
WE ACT for Environmental Justice, Washington, D. C.

Dr. LaQuandra S. Nesbitt
Director, District of Columbia Department of Health
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Derrick Watchman
Chief Executive Officer, Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise
Church Rock, NM

Representative TBD
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, MD

12:30 p.m.---1:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

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