



Addressing Racism as a Public Health Issue Through the Lens of Environmental Health Disparities and Environmental Justice: From Problems to Solutions

Friday, December 10, 2021 • 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. EST

Free Virtual Workshop

Agenda

9:00 – 9:05 a.m.

Welcome

Rick Woychik, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
and National Toxicology Program

9:05 – 10:05 a.m.

Session One – Environmental Health Disparities: Impact of Environmental Injustices and Systemic Racism (Past, Present, Future)

Moderators: Darlene Dixon and Robin Arnette, NIEHS

Embodying Place and the People's Health: Critical Science for Health Justice – An Ecosocial Proposal

Nancy Krieger, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University

Confronting Environmental Racism: Why Health Equity Matters

Robert Bullard, Barbara Jordan–Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs, Texas Southern University

Tribute to Cecil Corbin-Mark, WE ACT for Environmental Justice

Peggy Shepard, WE ACT for Environmental Justice

10:05 – 10:15 a.m.

BREAK

10:15 – 12:15 p.m.

Session Two – A Conversation With Our Community Leaders: EJ, Science, and Policy (Community Voices From North Carolina) (Panel Discussion)

Moderators: Sharon Beard, Liam O'Fallon, and Joan Pakenham, NIEHS

Working in Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Communities

Crystal Cavalier-Keck and Jason Keck, 7 Directions of Service

Addressing Environmental Racism as a Public Health Issue Through Health Disparities and Environmental Justice: A History of Environmental Racism in North Carolina

Naeema Muhammad, North Carolina Environmental Justice Network

West End Revitalization Association

Omega Wilson, Brenda Wilson, and Ayo Wilson, West End Revitalization Association

Hosted by: The NIEHS Environmental Health Disparities and Environmental Justice Faculty

12:15 – 12:40 p.m. **LUNCH**

12:40 – 12:45 p.m. **“KNOW YOUR EJ” – Two Poll Questions**

Robin Arnette, NIEHS

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. **Session Three – Community-Engaged Research: Building Authentic Partnerships in Disproportionately Impacted Communities**

Moderators: *Melissa Smarr and Ruth Lunn, NIEHS*

Safe and Just Cleaners: Organizing Latinx Household Cleaners to Address Disproportionate Workplace Environmental Exposures

Sherry Baron, City University of New York

Deysi Flores, Make the Road New York

Anti-Racist Community Based Participatory Research and Practice for Environmental Justice

Amy Jo Schulz, University of Michigan School of Public Health

Donele Wilkins, The Green Door Initiative

1:45 – 2:00 p.m. **BREAK**

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Session Three (continued): Community-Engaged Research – Building Authentic Partnerships in Disproportionately Impacted Communities**

Moderators: *Toccara Chamberlain and Alfonso Latoni, NIEHS*

Community-Research Partnerships Assess the Life and Cultural Costs of Cold War Weapons Buildup on Sovereign Indigenous Nations Within the U.S.

Johnnye Lewis, College of Pharmacy, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center

Johnny Naize, Blue Gap–Tachee Chapter, Navajo Nation

Community-Engaged Research and Collaborations to Achieve Environmental Health and Justice With Arctic Indigenous Communities

Pamela Miller and Viola Pangunnaaq Waghiyi, Alaska Community Action on Toxics

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. **Session Four – Collaborative Solutions for Eliminating Environmental Health Disparities (Panel Discussion)**

Moderators: *Joan Pakenham, Sharon Beard, and Liam O’Fallon, NIEHS*

4:30 – 4:45 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

Rick Woychik and Darlene Dixon, NIEHS