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2023

CEC Panel Session 1: Translating Research for Policy & Advocacy

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, from 9:30 am - 11:15

am

Organizer & Panelist: Jonathan London

- Jonathan London, Professor in the UC Davis Department of Human Ecology, is an educator, researcher, and community-builder with over 30 years of experience in participatory research, rural community development, and community engaged planning. He has degrees in environmental studies, city and regional planning, and rural sociology. Jonathan's research and teaching addresses conflicts and collaboration in natural resource and environmental policy, with a particular emphasis on environmental justice. Jonathan was the founding director of the UC Davis Center for Regional Change and now is Faculty Director of the Community Engagement Core of the UC Davis Environmental Health Science Center.

Amy Schulz

- Amy J. Schulz, MPH, MSW, PhD is University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor, and professor, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education in the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Her expertise is in the joint impacts of social and physical environmental conditions, driven by economic and racial inequities, on inequitable health outcomes in the United States. She uses a community-based participatory approach in her research and practice, with an emphasis on translation to multiple audiences, including elected and administrative decision makers.



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Laprisha Daniels

- Laprisha Berry Daniels, MPH, MSW, is the Executive Director of Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice and also serves as the Co-Chair for the M-LEEd Center Stakeholder Advocacy Board. She has spent the last 20 years developing, implementing, and evaluating interventions geared toward reducing health disparities. Her approach focuses on inclusive community engagement that honors traditionally unheard voices as issues are identified, potential solutions and interventions are developed, and evaluation methods are designed.

Susan Pinney

- Dr. Susan M. Pinney is a Professor in the Department of Environmental Health in the College of Medicine, University of Cincinnati, and the Director of the Center for Environmental Genetics at the University of Cincinnati. She has conducted research in exposure epidemiology for the past 32 years, focusing on environmental factors such as community level uranium exposure and exposure to perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Several years ago she talked to congressional representatives in Washington DC about the health effects of PFAS.



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Ann Backus

- Ann Backus, MS is an Instructor in Occupational Health in the Department of Environmental Health at the Harvard Chan School of Public Health. She is Director of Community Engagement, working with Gary Adamkiewicz, PhD, MPH, the Director of the Community Engagement Core of the Harvard Chan-NIEHS Center for Environmental Health. Her areas of interest in environmental health are air pollution, asthma, noise, climate change and most recently PFAS. Ann, along with other P30 grantees, serves on the NIEHS Disaster Recovery Research (DR2) executive committee, headed by Aubrey K. Miller, MD, MPH.

Robert Laubach

- Rob Laubach is a physician-scientist and Associate Professor in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health and Justice at the Rutgers School of Public Health, where he directs the CEC for the Rutgers Center for Environmental Exposure and Disease (CEED). His research and public health practice focus on the health effects of air and water pollution in communities that are overburdened by multiple environmental stressors. Rob works with academic and community partners, and state and local officials, to assess and address cumulative health impacts in New Jersey's EJ communities.



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Kerry Margaret Butch

- Kerry Margaret Butch is the Community Engagement Coordinator for Rutgers Center for Environmental Exposures and Disease. Her prior positions include serving as Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of New Jersey and the Urban Project Director for the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions.

Nayamin Martinez

- Nayamin Martinez is the Executive Director of the Central California Environmental Justice Network (CCEJN). Ms. Martinez has vast experience working with immigrants and residents of disadvantaged communities across the San Joaquin Valley managing public health programs; conducting participatory research and launching leadership and civic engagement programs. Ms. Martinez holds a Master's Degree in both Public Health and Sociology.



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Organizer: Lisa Hayward

- Lisa Hayward is a manager of community engagement with the University of Washington EDGE Center. Her background is in conservation biology, policy, and science communication.

BJ Cummings

- BJ Cummings manages community engagement for the University of Washington's EDGE Center (Interdisciplinary Center for Exposures, Diseases, Genomics and Environment), where she recently completed work on a community-based climate change resilience assessment. She has worked in the environmental field in Seattle for 30 years, serving as the director of Sustainable Seattle, Duwamish River Community Coalition, and Puget Soundkeeper Alliance. She is author of *The River That Made Seattle: A Natural and Human History of the Duwamish* and has been awarded the River Network's national River Hero award for her work leading community-based clean up and restoration of the Duwamish River.



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Jacqueline Curnick

- Jackie Curnick coordinates the Community Engagement Core of the EHSRC (Environmental Health Sciences Research Center) at the University of Iowa. She recently completed producing season 1 of the Iowa Climate Podcast and the accompanying teaching curriculum. Jackie holds a Masters of Sustainable Development Practice (MDP) from the University of Florida and is pursuing a Doctorate of Public Health (DrPH) at the University of South Florida, she is also an alumna of the Fulbright program.

Nicholas Newman

- Nick Newman, DO, MS, FAAP, is a board-certified Pediatrician and Occupational/Environmental medicine physician and the Leader of the Community Engagement Core for the University of Cincinnati's Center for Environmental Genetics as well as the Associate Director of Region 5 Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit. He received his Certificate in Climate Change and Health from Yale University and his project focused on developing educational interventions for clinicians to bring about climate change adaptation actions for vulnerable populations. His academic work includes studying the effects of air pollution and other toxicants on children's health, evaluating environmental health educational projects, and improving community engagement.



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Kathleen Vandiver

- Kathleen M. Vandiver, Ph.D. is the Community Engagement Director at MIT for Center for Environmental Health Sciences and the Superfund Research Program. In 2019 she put together a winning team for an international competition for the EJ city of Malden, MA, where the community work for equitable resilience in the face of climate change would be led by a resident BIPOC Steering Committee. Our project, “Malden River Works for Equity and Resilience,” is now widely recognized by our state agencies as a model for other municipalities in Massachusetts.