

Environmental Justice Symposium and Workshop

April 21, 2020

Agenda

8:30 Opening and Welcoming Remarks

Leslie Rubin, MD, Director Break the Cycle Program
Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia

8:40 Session 1: “History and Significance of Environmental Justice”

Quentin C Pair, JD, Professor at Howard University School of Law, and former Senior Trial Attorney for the DOJ and EPA, who helped develop environmental justice practices and policies within the federal government

Learning Objectives

- Understand historical context of environmental justice

9:10 Break

9:15 Session 2: “Ongoing Environmental Justice Flashpoints in the Southeast”

Brian Holtzclaw, Section Chief, Environmental Justice and Children’s Health Program, Strategic Programs Office, Office of the Regional Administrator, US EPA Region 4

Learning Objectives

- EPA’s role and approaches to advance environmental justice
- Past and new environmental justice challenges in the Southeast

Pre-reading

Rubin IL, Geller RJ, Teague WG, Holtzclaw B, Felner EI, Nodvin JT. (2007). Environmental Health Disparities: Environmental and Social Impact of Industrial Pollution in a Community – The Model of Anniston, AL, *Pediatric Clinics of North America*. April 2007, Volume 54, Number 2 (pages 375-398), Elsevier Publications, Philadelphia, PA

9:35 Session 3: “The Intersectionality of Environmental & Reproductive Justice”

Melissa Smarr PhD, Assistant Professor in the Gangarosa Department of Environmental Health at Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University

Session Learning Objectives:

- Understand the intersectionality between environmental exposures, reproductive health and environmental justice

9:55 Break

10:00 Session 4: “EPA Resources and Strategies to Address EJ Challenges”

Tami Thomas-Burton, MPH, EPA-R4 Office of Strategic Programs, Environmental Justice & Children’s Health Section, Sr. Public Health Scientist/Regional EJ Coordinator.

Learning objectives:

- Develop an understanding of the agency’s environmental justice work and accomplishments in partnership with other federal partners, state/local government, nongovernmental organizations, and community organizations.

10:20 Session 5: Breaking the Cycle of Environmental Injustice and Health Inequities

Sacoby Wilson, PhD, MS, Associate Professor and Director of Community Engagement, Environmental Justice, and Health, Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health, School of Public Health, University of Maryland-College Park

10:50 Break

11:00 Session 6: Environmental Justice Workshop

Students, mentors, guest speakers and audience members will be divided into workshop groups. Students will lead a discussion around EJ case study and develop recommendations for promoting environmental *justice* and reducing children’s environmental health disparities.

11:50 Report back from Group Sessions

BTC trainees will summarize discussion and report back to the reassembled audience.

12:20 Synthesis and Call to Action

Sacoby Wilson, PhD

12:30 Concluding Remarks

Leslie Rubin, MD

12:40 Adjourn