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# The State of Environmental Justice in America 2008 Conference



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HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW  
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WASHINGTON, DC  
MAY 21-24, 2008

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

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### DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.      **Exhibit Hall Set-up** – Location: Holy Cross Hall, Ground Level

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.      **Registration Opens** – Location: Moot Court Foyer,  
Houston Hall “B” Level

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.      **Exhibit Hall Opens** – Location: Holy Cross Hall, Ground Level

5:00 p.m.

**GRAND OPENING SESSION** – *The State of Environmental Justice in America*

**Location:** Moot Court, Houston Hall “B” Level

**Welcome:** Dean Kurt L. Schmoke, Howard University School of Law (invited)

**Purpose:** John Rosenthal, EJ Conference, Inc.

Environmental justice requires fair treatment and meaningful involvement for all in environmental decisions and actions. ***Fair treatment and meaningful involvement*** are four words with plain and clear meanings when taken at face value. However, when combined into terms and applied to issues related to environmental actions, they assume different meanings in different quarters for different people. This session will feature a moderated environmental justice conversation that will discuss the application of ***fair treatment and meaningful***

**involvement** from different interests and perspectives. It will address questions such:

- How can environmental justice and economic development co-exist?
- How can we improve relations between communities and industry, communities and government, and government and industry?
- What are examples of model environmental justice activities?
- What have been the major accomplishments of the Executive Order on Environmental Justice?
- Has the Executive Order improved matters in environmental justice communities?
- Are the federal agencies committed to implementing the Executive Order?
- Is business and industry committed to environmental justice?
- What are the most significant environmental justice issues facing the country?

**Moderator:** Timothy Fields, Jr., Senior Vice President, Tetra Tech EM Inc., former Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Panelists:**

- Sue Briggum, Vice President, Government Affairs, WM Waste Management
- Harold Mitchell, Executive Director, ReGenesis
- Charles Lee, Director, Office of Environmental Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Ben Wilson, Managing Principal, Beveridge & Diamond, P.C. and Adjunct Professor, Howard University School of Law
- William Kovacs, Vice President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Billy Reese Kee, Chairman of the Board, Forgotten People
- Gladys Vaughn, Director, Office of Outreach, U.S. Department Agriculture

**Closing Remarks:** Associate Dean Okianer Christian Dark, (invited)  
Howard University School of Law

**7:00 p.m. Reception** – Location: Dining Hall, Houston Hall “B” Level

## **DAY 2 –THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008**

**8:00 a.m. Registration** – Location: Moot Court Foyer, Houston Hall “B” Level

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSION** – *Federal Agencies Discussion*

**Location:** Moot Court, Houston Hall “B” Level

**Moderators:** Lessie Price, Manager, Public Affairs Division,  
URS Washington Division  
Melinda Downing, Environmental Justice Program Manager,  
U.S. Department of Energy

**Speakers:**

- Granta Y. Nakayama, Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- John Cruden, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice

**10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break**

### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

- ***Federal Agencies’ Integration of Environmental Justice***

**Location:** Classroom #1, Houston Hall “SB” Level

**Session Manager and Moderator:** Daniel Gogal, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Presenters:**

David Blick and James Potter, Office of Environment and Energy, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

David Dillard, Director of Ecosystem Management Coordination, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Quentin Pair, Environmental and Natural Resource Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Audrey Burwell, Senior Public Health Analyst, Office of Minority Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Malika Hobbs, Massie Chairs of Excellence Program, National Nuclear Security Administration, U.S. Department of Energy

- ***Tribal Perspective on Environmental Justice***  
**Location: Classroom #2, Houston Hall “B” Level**  
**Session Managers:** Shirley Augurson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 6  
Randy Gee, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 6  
**Moderator:** Shirley Augurson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 6

**Presenters:**

*Integrating native traditional values and insights into environmental protection and application of Executive Order 12898*

Organization: Forgotten People Environmental Justice Coalition, Nihima Nahasdzaan Bahaahasin, (Preserve Our Mother Earth), Navajo Nation

Billy Reese Kee, Chairman of the Board, Forgotten People

Elouise Brown, Advisory Board, Forgotten People and President, Dooda Desert Rock

James W. Zion, Esq., Attorney, Forgotten People

Marsha Monestersky, Consultant, Forgotten People

Patrick Freeland, Haskell University

Stephen Etsitty, Director, Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency

- ***Community Benefits Agreements: Opportunity or Trap for Community Groups?***  
**Location: Classroom #3, Houston Hall “SB” Level**  
**Session Managers:** Nadira Clarke, Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.  
John Rosenthal, EJ Conference, Inc.

**Presenters:**

Patricia E. Salkin, Associate Dean and Director, Government Law Center of Albany Law School

Amy Lavine, Esq., Staff Attorney, Government Law Center of Albany Law School

- ***How Environmental Clean-up Can Lead to Educational and Recreational Opportunities for the Community (10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)***  
**Location: Classroom #4, Houston Hall “B” Level**  
**Session Manager:** Sheila Dillard, U.S. Department of Energy  
**Moderator:** Lonnie Sharpe, Tennessee State University

**Presenters:**

Vincent Adams, Director of Ground Water and Soil Remediation, Office of Environmental Management, U.S. Department of Energy

Yvonne Deyo, Project Manager, S.M. Stoller Corporation

- ***Ways to Address Environmental Concerns and Increase Capacity Building in Domestic or International Environmental Justice Communities***  
**Location:** Classroom #119, Holy Cross Hall “1<sup>st</sup>” Level  
**Session Managers:** Heather Valentine, Executive Director, The Urban Environment Institute of Georgia  
Marva King, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
**Moderator:** Marva King, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
  
**Presenter:**  
*Restorative Environmental Justice: Assessing Brownfield Initiatives, Revitalization, and Community Economic Development in St. Petersburg, Florida.* Joseph W. Dorsey, Ph.D., University of South Florida  
  
*Case Study of Lockleaze, a deprived area of Bristol, in the West of England.* Karen F. Bell, School Policy Studies  
  
*An Environmental Justice Climate Change Policy.* Nicky Sheats, Esq., Ph.D., Director, Center for the Urban Environment, John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy of Thomas Edison State College and Member of the New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance  
  
*Designing Chemical Safety Models for Community-based Organizations.* Deborah Brown, Chief, RCRA, EPCRA and Federal Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 1  
  
*Arctic Contaminants Action Program (ACAP) Indigenous Peoples Community Action Initiative to Address Local Sources of Contamination in the U.S. and Adjacent Coastal Russian Arctic Communities.* Eleonora Barnes, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Dr. Robert S. Dyer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Dr. Valery Chashchin, Northwest Public Health Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia; and Dr. Larisa Abrutina, Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North, RAIPON  
  
*Artisanal Gold Mining in Senegal, West Africa - The Reduction of Environmental Mercury Emissions Using Improved Technology and Training.* Wendy M. Graham, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Marianne Bailey, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Dr. Robert Dyer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and Marilyn Engle, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- ***EPA Regional Integration of Environmental Justice***  
**Location:** Classroom #224, Holy Cross Hall “2<sup>nd</sup>” Level  
**Session Managers:** Terry Wesley, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 2  
Daniel Gogal, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
**Moderator:** Terry Wesley, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 2

**Presenters:**

Sharon Wells, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 1

Cynthia Peurifoy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 4

Michael Wenstrom, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 8

Debbie Lowe Liang, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 9

**12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.      NETWORKING LUNCHEON in EXHIBIT HALL**  
Location: Holy Cross Hall, Ground Level

**2:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.**  
**SPECIAL SESSION – *U.S. Department of Energy’s Environmental Justice Program***

**Location:** Moot Court, Houston Hall “B” Level

**Introduction:** Michael W. Owen, Director, Office of Legacy Management,  
U.S. Department of Energy

**Speaker:** Jeffrey Kupfer, Acting Deputy Secretary,  
U.S. Department of Energy

**2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.**  
**SPECIAL SESSION – *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Environmental Justice Integration***

**Location:** Moot Court, Houston Hall “B” Level

**Moderator:** Daniel Gogal, Office of Environmental Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Panelists:**

- Charles Lee, Director, Office of Environmental Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Terry Wesley, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 2
- Lily Lee, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 9
- Kent Benjamin, Office of Environmental Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**3:20 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.      Break**

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

- ***States' Efforts to Integrate Environmental Justice***  
**Location: Classroom #1, Houston Hall "SB" Level**  
**Session Managers:** Reggie Harris, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 3  
Daniel Gogal, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
**Moderator:** Reggie Harris, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 3  
  
**Presenters:**  
Monica Kreshik and Lisa Garcia, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
  
Elvin Lang, Alabama Department of Environmental Management  
  
James Brunswick, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
  
- ***Addressing Climate Change in Indigenous Communities***  
**Location: Classroom #2, Houston Hall "B" Level**  
**Session Managers:** Shirley Augurson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 6  
Randy Gee, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 6  
**Moderator:** Jose Aguto, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
  
**Presenters:**  
Kandi L. Mossett, Tribal Campus Climate Challenge Organizer, Indigenous Environmental Network  
  
Peter Captain, Sr., Vice-President, Tanana Chiefs Conference and Elder Advisor to the Board of Directors - Yukon River Intertribal Watershed Council
  
- ***Kids, Climate Change and Water***  
**Location: Classroom #3, Houston Hall "SB" Level**  
**Session Manager:** Geraldine Herring, U.S. Department of Agriculture  
**Moderator:** Robert Ragos, U.S. Department of Agriculture  
  
**Presenters:**  
Ed Gee, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, *Woody Bio-Mass*  
  
Safiya Samman and/ Jim Bedwell, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, *Kids in the Woods*  
  
Susan Mockenhaup, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, *Urban Community Forestry*  
  
Rod Doderick and/ Doug MacCleery, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, *Water/Climate Change*

- ***Brownfields To Green Yields: Building Sustainable Buildings and Communities through Green Industrialization and Green Jobs***  
**Location: Classroom #4, Houston Hall “B” Level**  
**Session Manager and Presenter:** Kenneth E. Dobson, Director of the Division of Community and Economic Development; Director of the Clean and Green Building Resource Laboratory; Director, Capacity-Building in Emerging Applied Building and Construction Technologies; Workforce Technology Preparedness; and Adjunct Associate Professor at The University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio.
  
- ***Environmental Health Across Diverse Communities***  
**Location: Classroom #119, Holy Cross Hall “1<sup>st</sup>” Level**  
**Session Manager and Moderator:** Heather Valentine, Executive Director, The Urban Environment Institute of Georgia  
  
**Presenters:**  
*Partnership for Environmental Health and Asthma Campaign - The Community Coalition for Environmental Justice (CCEJ).* Secret Charles, MA, Toxic Beauty Outreach Specialist, CCEJ  
  
*Building Community Capacity through Environmental Education and Outreach Activities.* Leon C. Purnell, President, Environmental Justice Partnership, Inc.  
  
*Pediatric Environmental Health Awareness and Education.* Nsedu Obot Witherspoon, MPH, Executive Director, The Children’s Environmental Health Network and Leyla Erk McCurdy, M.Phil, Senior Director, Health & Environment, National Environmental Education & Training Foundation
  
- ***Interagency CDC/EPA Pilot Community Partnerships***  
**Location: Classroom #224, Holy Cross Hall “2<sup>nd</sup>” Level**  
**Session Manager and Moderator:** Marva King, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
  
**Presenters:**  
*Savannah, GA Pilot:*  
Mildred McClain, Executive Director, Harambee House, Savannah, GA  
  
Davina Marraccini, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 4  
  
Loretta Ashbury, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry  
  
*Boston, MA Pilot:*  
Tiffany Skogstrom, Project Coordinator, Boston Public Health Commission's Safe Shops Project, MA  
  
Mary Dever-Putnam, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 1  
  
Daneen Farrow-Collier, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## **DAY 3 – FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2008**

**8:00 a.m. Registration** – Location: Moot Court Foyer, Houston Hall “B” Level

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSION** – *Communities - Moving Forward to Address Environmental Justice in the 21st Century*

**Location:** Moot Court, Houston Hall “B” Level

**Moderator:** Vernice Miller, Environmental Support Center

**Panelists:**

- Tom Goldtooth, Indigenous Environmental Network, *National Energy Campaign*
- Jose Bravo, Just Transition Alliance, *Green Jobs, Green Energy*
- Sylvia Herrera, SW Network for Environmental and Economic Justice, *Regional Health Disparities*
- Mildred McClain, Executive Director, Harambee House, Savannah, GA, *Military Toxics* (invited)

**10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break**

### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

- ***GIS Applications in Environmental Justice Research and Activism, including Community-Based Mapping with GPS***

**Location:** Classroom #1, Houston Hall “B” Level

**Session Manager and Instructor:** David Padgett, Tennessee State University

{Note: wear comfortable shoes for this class.}

- ***Federal Interagency Coordinated Approach for Renewable Energy by Tribes***

**Location:** Classroom #2, Houston Hall “B” Level

**Session Managers:** Quentin Pair, U.S. Department of Justice

Daniel Gogal, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Moderator:** Quentin Pair, U.S. Department of Justice

**Presenters:**

Matthew Gray, Federal Energy Management Program, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy

Georg Shultz, Director, Electric Staff Division/Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Arthur Totten, Office of Federal Activities, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Steve Tromly, Native American Coordinator, Western Area Power Administration

Anne Mendoza, Economic Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs

- **Case Study of Community Action: Boston Biodefense Lab**  
**Location: Classroom #3, Houston Hall “SB” Level**  
**Session Managers:** Nadira Clarke, Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.  
John Rosenthal, EJ Conference, Inc.

**Presentation by** Klare Allen, Patricia Hynes and Eloise Lawrence, The Conservation Law Foundation

- **From Farm To Fuel-The Development of Alternative Fuel (10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)**  
**Location: Classroom #4, Houston Hall “B” Level**  
**Session Manager and Moderator:** David Rivers, Director of Public Involvement and Community Outreach, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

**Presenters:**

Dr. G.T. Todd Wright, Director, Savannah River National Laboratory, Aiken, SC

Dr George. Miller, III, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Presidential Professor of Chemistry, Claflin University, Orangeburg, SC

- **Domestic and International Community Participation in the World of Environmental Justice**  
**Location: Classroom #119, Holy Cross Hall “1<sup>st</sup>” Level**  
**Session Manager and Moderator:** Heather Valentine, Executive Director, The Urban Environment Institute of Georgia

**Presenters:**

*Community Participation in Environmental Health Issues Identification in Mid-Delta of Mississippi.* Ademola M. Omishakin, MPH, Ph.D., MBA, Mississippi Valley State University

*Watershed 263 Project, Baltimore, Maryland - Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration of Governmental, Academic, Community, and Non-profit Organizations.*  
Yvette M. Williams, Ph.D. Student, University of Maryland Baltimore County

*Community Takes Action: Peppersauce Bottoms in Pueblo, Colorado.*  
Michael Wenstrom, Coordinator, Environmental Justice Team, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 8

*The Politics of Cleanup: Recommendations to Accelerate Complex Federal Environmental Cleanups.* Nithin Akuthota, Deputy Director, Energy Communities Alliance

*U.S. Department of Energy and Public Involvement - A Key to Successful Clean Up.*  
Sondra Sarten, Member, Oak Ridge Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge, Tennessee

- **State/Community/U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 6 Collaborations**  
**Location:** Classroom #224, Holy Cross Hall “2<sup>nd</sup>” Level  
**Session Managers:** Shirley Augurson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 6  
Randy Gee, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 6  
**Moderator:** Shirley Augurson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 6

**Presenters:**

Alex Appeaning, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

Thomas Ruiz, New Mexico Environment Department

Cynthia Gomez, Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice

Sharon Gauthe, Bayou Interfaith Sponsoring Committee

**12:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.      NETWORKING LUNCHEON in EXHIBIT HALL**  
Location: Holy Cross Hall, Ground Level

**2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**  
**SPECIAL SESSION – *Environmental Justice at the U.S. Department of Energy: A New Strategy and Implementation Plan***

**Location:** Moot Court, Houston Hall “B” Level

**Moderator:** James Woolford, Director, Office of Superfund and Emergency Response, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Panelists:**

- Michael W. Owen, Director, Office of Legacy Management, U.S. Department of Energy
- Jeffrey M. Allison, Manager, Savannah River Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy
- Gerald Boyd, Manager, Oak Ridge Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy

**2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.      Exhibit Hall Closed for Tear Down**  
Location: Holy Cross, Ground Level

**3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.      Break**

## **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

- ***Factors for Assessment of Disproportionate Impacts***

**Location:** Classroom #1, Houston Hall “SB” Level

**Session Managers:** Mustafa Ali, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Daniel Gogal, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Moderator:** Mustafa Ali, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Presenters:**

Charles Lee, Director, Office of Environmental Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Millie Piazza, Environmental Justice Coordinator, Washington State Department of Ecology

Sue Briggum, Vice President, Government Affairs, WM Waste Management

- ***Revising a Federal Environmental Justice Strategy***

**Location:** Classroom #2, Houston Hall “B” Level

**Session Manager:** Melinda Downing, U.S. Department of Energy

**Moderator:** Carmen Rodriguez, Carmen Cares Consulting, LLC

**Discussion Participants:**

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

Lois Thompson, Office of Environmental Policy and Assistance, U.S. Department of Energy

Malika Hobbs, National Nuclear Security Administration, U.S. Department of Energy

Joseph Martinez, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy

Steve Tromly, Native American Coordinator, Western Area Power Administration

de’Lisa Bratcher, Savannah River Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy

Lessie Price, Public Affairs Division, URS Washington Division

- ***Climate Justice Policy Workshop***

**Location:** Classroom #3, Houston Hall “SB” Level

**Session Managers:** Nadira Clarke, Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.  
John Rosenthal, EJ Conference, Inc.

**Presentation by** Nia Robinson, Director, Environmental Justice and Climate Change Initiative

- ***Environmental Justice & Nuclear Power: Business Opportunities in the Nuclear Energy Industry***

**Location:** Classroom #4, Houston Hall “B” Level

**Session Manager:** Norris McDonald, Founder and President, African American Environmentalist Association

**Moderator:** Ken Theobalds, Vice President, Entergy Nuclear Northeast

**Presenters:**

Daniel Charles Mussatti, Senior Environmental Economist, Office of New Reactors, Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Brian Reilly, Principal Vice President and Manager of Nuclear Operations, Bechtel Power Corporation

Derrick Freeman, Senior Director of Legislative Programs, Nuclear Energy Institute

Norris McDonald, Founder and President, African American Environmentalist Association

- ***Inequalities in Resources and Environments for Active Living***

**Location:** Classroom #119, Holy Cross Hall “1<sup>st</sup>” Level

**Session Manager:** Holly Cairns, SW Region Environmental Advocate, Pennsylvania Department of the Environmental Protection

**Moderator:** Wendell Taylor, Associate Professor, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

**Presenters:**

*Building Healthy, Livable Communities for All: Green Access and Equity.* Robert Garcia, Executive Director and Counsel, The City Project

*School Transportation, Health, and Disparities: The Role of Built Environments.* Xuemei Zhu, Doctoral Candidate, Texas A & M University, Department of Architecture

*Disparities in Access to Physical Activity Opportunities in Public Parks and Recreation Areas: Evidence and Research Needs.* Myron Floyd, Professor of Parks and Natural Resources Recreation, North Carolina State University

## **DAY 4 – SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2008**

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Registration Close-out** – Location: Moot Court Foyer, Houston Hall “B” Level

### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

- ***Students’ Perspective on Environmental Justice***  
**Location: Classroom #1, Houston Hall “SB” Level**  
**Session Manager and Moderator:** Quentin Pair, U.S. Department of Justice  
  
**Presenters:**  
Bianca Lacey, Graduating Senior Spellman College  
  
Sean Jameson, 2nd year rising Howard University School of Law  
  
Jennifer Queen, 2nd Year rising Howard University School of Law  
  
Johnny Chaklader, 2nd year rising Howard University School of Law
- ***Intertribal Council On Utility Policy: Environmental Justice in Indian Country***  
**Location: Classroom #2, Houston Hall “B” Level**  
**Session Manager and Moderator:** Bob Gough, Intertribal Council On Utility Policy  
  
**Presenters:**  
*Just and Sustainable Energy Policy/Tribal Renewable Energy Production.* Bob Gough, Secretary, Intertribal Council On Utility Policy  
  
*Climate Change/Climate Justice.* Daniel Cordalis, Legislative Associate, National Congress of American Indians  
  
*Building Tribal Community Capacity In Environmental Decision Making.* Joe Red Cloud, Economic Development Office, Oglala Sioux Tribe (invited)  
  
*Integration of Tribal Environmental Justice and Energy Issues into Federal Agency Policies and Programs.* Dean Suagee, Attorney of Counsel with Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker, and member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
- ***Crafting Strategies for Using Environmental Information: What to do with all that data***  
**Location: Classroom #3, Houston Hall “SB” Level**  
**Session Managers:** Heather Case, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Daniel Gogal, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
**Moderator:** Heather Case, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
  
**Presenter:**  
Victoria J. Robinson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- ***Collaborative Problem-Solving – An Effective Approach for Environmental Justice (Engaging Communities and Stakeholders)***

**Location:** Classroom #4, Houston Hall “B” Level

**Session Managers:** Sheila Lewis, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Daniel Gogal, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Moderator:** Sheila Lewis, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Presenters:**

Omega Wilson, West End Revitalization Association

Lou Takacs, Washington Village/Pigtown Neighborhood Planning Council

Kent Benjamin, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- ***Federal Environmental Justice Programs (9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)***

**Location:** Classroom #119, Holy Cross Hall “1<sup>st</sup>” Level

**Session Manager and Moderator:** Karl Stoeckle, U.S. Department of Energy

**Presenters:**

*Distribution of Benefits from Highway Pricing Programs.* David Kuehn, AICP, U.S. Department of Transportation

*Examining the Role of Regulatory Impact Assessments and Environmental Impact Assessments in Integrating Environmental Justice into Federal Policies and Programs.* Shalini P. Vajjhala and Amanda Van Epps, Resources for the Future

- ***Health and Research Methods***

**Location:** Classroom #224, Holy Cross Hall “2<sup>nd</sup>” Level

**Session Managers:** Elvin Lang, Alabama Department of Environmental Management  
John Rosenthal, EJ Conference, Inc.

**Moderator:** Elvin Lang, Alabama Department of Environmental Management

**Presenters:**

*Skewed Riskscape and Environmental Justice: A Case Study of Metropolitan.* Troy D. Abel, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Western Washington University

*Environmental Justice “Screening Method.”* James L. Sadd, Ph.D., Occidental College; Rachel Morello-Frosch, University of California, Berkeley; Manuel Pastor, University of California, Santa Cruz and University of Southern California

**11:30 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.      Break**

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**CLOSING PLENARY SESSION** – *The State of Environmental Justice in America 2009 Conference*

**Location:** Moot Court, Houston Hall “B” Level

**Moderator:** John Rosenthal, EJ Conference, Inc.

**Panelists:**

- Ben Wilson, Managing Principal, Beveridge & Diamond, P.C. and Adjunct Professor, Howard University School of Law
- Melinda Downing, Environmental Justice Program Manager, U.S. Department of Energy
- Mildred McClain, Executive Director, Harambee House, Savannah, GA (invited)
- Sue Briggum, Vice President, Government Affairs, WM Waste Management (invited)
- Elissa Parker, Vice President Research and Policy, Environmental Law Institute

**NOTICE:** Because of the chemical sensitivity of many people, we are requesting that attendees wear unscented toiletry items.

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**Exhibitors:**

*Federal Government:*

- ❖ U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development
- ❖ U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
- ❖ U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Civil Rights
- ❖ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- ❖ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- ❖ U.S. Department of Energy

*Community:*

- ❖ Ruth Wilson, Community Activist, Washington, DC

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