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This Summit brings together a diverse range of sectors to leverage available resources and expertise to help build healthy, sustainable and economically thriving communities. Participants will gain access to best practices, networks, resources, tools and techniques available to communities to help them achieve successful and sustainable results.

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WELCOME



Welcome to the Inaugural 2016 National Training & Resources Summit for Revitalizing Vulnerable Communities. On behalf of the organizing committee, I want to thank and welcome the diverse group of sponsors, presenters, and participants for supporting this first ever summit dedicated to revitalizing vulnerable communities.

The next two days will provide an opportunity to build long lasting collaborative partnerships. Through the Summit, we will expand our capacity to support our most vulnerable communities on their journey of moving from “Surviving to Thriving”. President Obama said, “The best education I received was working with people in the community on a grassroots basis. Because what it taught me was that ordinary people, when they are working together can do extraordinary things.” Together, we can accomplish extraordinary things as we begin to identify innovative solutions and new ideas to address inequities like access to healthcare, clean water, and climate change adaptation and resiliency that exist in our most vulnerable, under resourced and overburdened communities. We have the ability to shift paradigms and rewrite the false narratives that say investing in these communities doesn’t make sense and doesn’t yield positive results. We can also honor that communities, when given the opportunities, tools, and resources, can speak for themselves.










I want to acknowledge all the leaders, organizations, and stakeholders who made this event possible. Those who have given their lives to ensure that positive change happens and those who continue to lift communities up and ensure successful outcomes. Over the course of the Summit, we encourage you to work collaboratively as we strive to make justice and equality a reality for all communities. We look forward to seeing the extraordinary things you all do to revitalize vulnerable communities.





Mustafa Santiago Ali,

Senior Advisor to the EPA Administrator for Environmental Justice and Community Revitalization

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 7:00am – 8:30am **Registration**
- 8:30am – 8:45am **Welcome:** *Potomac Ballroom*
- 8:45am – 10:10am **Keynote and Plenary:**
Potomac Ballroom (■ Live Streaming)
- 10:10am – 10:30am **BREAK**
- 10:30am – 12:30pm **Concurrent Track Sessions**
-  The Dorothy Purley:
Just Transition Workforce Development Training Track
Potomac Ballroom, Salon D
 -  The Reverend Hon. Clementa C. Pinckney:
Business Opportunities & Access to Financial Resources Track
Potomac Ballroom, Salon E
 -  The Dana Alston:
Health and Environmental Resources Track
Potomac Ballroom, Salon F
- 12:30pm – 12:50pm **BREAK**
- 12:50pm – 2:15pm Luncheon Speakers:
Working with Foundations
Potomac Ballroom (■ Live Streaming)
- 2:15pm – 2:30pm **BREAK**
- 2:30pm – 5:30pm **Concurrent Track Sessions**
-  The Dorothy Purley:
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 -  The Dana Alston:
Health and Environmental Resources Track
Potomac Ballroom, Salon F
- 5:30pm – 8:30pm
-  The Hazel M. Johnson:
Eco-Café and Networking Session
(sponsored by SPG business members):
Chesapeake Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 7:30am – 8:30am **Registration**
- 8:30am – 9:15am **Keynote and Plenary:**
Potomac Ballroom (■ Live Streaming)
- 9:15am – 9:30am **BREAK**
- 9:30am – 1:30pm **Concurrent Track Sessions**
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 -  The Hazel M. Johnson **Eco-Café**
(Exhibits open 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
Chesapeake Ballroom
- 1:30pm – 1:45pm **BREAK**
- 1:45pm – 2:30pm **Lunch on your own**
- 2:30pm – 4:30pm **Closing Plenary, Track Session Report Out, & Next Steps:** *Potomac Ballroom* (■ Live Streaming)
- 4:30pm **Adjourn**

REMOTE PARTICIPATION AND LIVE STREAMING SESSIONS

Select sessions will be streamed throughout the Summit. Follow us on Facebook @SurvivingToThrivingSummit and Twitter @ThrivingSummit, and join in the conversation using #SurvivingToThriving!

To learn more, please visit

<http://www.survivingtothrivingsummit.org/remote-participation/>

All live streaming sessions will broadcast in *Potomac Ballroom - Salon E*

SPEAKERS

For full Speaker Bios, go to <http://www.survivingtothrivingsummit.org/>



Beth Toner

Senior Communications Officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Beth Toner, MJ, RN, Senior Communications Officer, has more than 24 years of experience in marketing and corporate communications. She is also a registered nurse with clinical experience in long-term care and community health settings. In her current role, Beth provides communications support for several areas of focus at the Foundation. She helps provide strategic communications support to investments in projects and programs designed to give all in our society an equal opportunity to pursue a healthier life, to equip 21st-century leaders from all sectors to help build healthier communities and practices, and to engage businesses across a wide variety of industries to help build a "Culture of Health".

Mr. Calvin E. Booker Sr.

Corporate Vice President of Public Affairs, Waste Management Inc.

Mr. Calvin E. Booker Sr. is the Corporate Vice President of Public Affairs for Waste Management Inc. He joined Waste Management in July 1991 in Dallas, Texas, and has become an invaluable asset to the company utilizing his knowledge and relationships with local, state and federal legislators. He is responsible for the organizational development and strategic implementation of Governmental Affairs across 48 states and WM's Federal Office located in Washington, D.C. For a number of years, he has served on the National Waste & Recycling Board of Governors Georgia Chapter and serves as an alternate on NW&RA's National Board of Trustees. He graduated from the University of Arkansas and obtained his Master's degree in Secondary Education from Prairie View A&M University.

Dr. Cecilia Martinez

Director of Research Programs, Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy

Dr. Cecilia Martinez is the co-founder and Director of Research Programs at the Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy (CEED). Dr. Martinez previously held positions as Associate Research Professor in the College of Earth, Ocean and Environment at the University of Delaware, Associate Professor at Metropolitan State University and Research Director at the American Indian Policy Center. She has led a variety of projects to address sustainable development at the local and international levels. Her research is focused on the development of energy and environmental strategies that promote equitable and sustainable policies. She was recently named one of the White House Champions for Climate Equity.

Harold Mitchell Jr.

Executive Director, ReGenesis Community Development Corporation, South Carolina State Representative, District 31

Representative Harold Mitchell, Jr. is a respected leader with a long record of achievements in affordable housing, environmental justice, community revitalization, and public policy. His work in environmental justice organizing began in 1997 when he started a grassroots movement to clean up and fully remediate the two Superfund sites and four brownfield sites surrounding his family home. As part of this effort, Rep. Mitchell founded ReGenesis in 1998 and served as the Executive Director of this non-profit organization. He has also served as the District 31 Representative in the SC House since 2005.

Jacqueline Patterson

Director, NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Program

Jacqueline Patterson, MSW, MPH, has served as a trainer, organizer, researcher, and policy analyst on international and domestic issues including women's rights, HIV&AIDS, violence against women, racial justice, economic justice, and environmental and climate justice. Ms. Patterson authored multiple articles including: "Jobs vs Health: An Unnecessary Dilemma", "Energy Democracy, Black Lives Matter, and the NAACP Advocacy Agenda", "Climate Change is a Civil Rights Issue", "And the People Shall Lead: Centralizing Frontline Community Leadership" and more. She serves on the Boards of Directors for Center for Story Based Strategy, Institute of the Black World, GRID Alternatives, and US Climate Action Network.

Rev. Lennox Yearwood Jr.

President and CEO, Hip Hop Caucus

Rev. Lennox Yearwood Jr., President and CEO of the Hip Hop Caucus, is a minister, community activist and one of the most influential people in Hip Hop political life. A national leader within the green movement, Rev. Yearwood has been successfully bridging the gap between communities of color and environmental advocacy for the past decade. *Rolling Stone* declared Rev. Yearwood one of our country's "New Green Heroes" and *Huffington Post* named him one of the top ten change-makers in the green movement. Rev. Yearwood founded the Hip Hop Caucus in 2004 to build a sustainable organization for Hip Hop politics. He is a proud graduate of Howard University School of Divinity.

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Melissa Green

Deputy Director for Communication and Recruitment, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Melissa Green, MPH is the Deputy Director for Communication and Recruitment for the Clinical Scholars Program funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Melissa's experience includes 15 years managing research intervention studies in community settings using principles of community based participatory research with and for African American and Latino populations. Her research interests include health disparities across the cancer continuum, peer support interventions, disease prevention, and factors that influence participation in health research.

Nakisa Glover

National Climate Justice Organizer, Hip Hop Caucus

Nakisa Glover resides in North Carolina. She has built a track record as a community organizer. Her leadership skills have been acquired through years of corporate, community and service-based work. Nakisa has a passion for advocacy, activism and contributing positively to her community. She specializes in building strong relationships through collaboration. She comes to Hip Hop Caucus after working to build a fusion movement for climate justice as the National Field Coordinator for the Justice Action Mobilization Network (JAMN). Nakisa continues to build a network locally and nationally that is ready to develop solutions to climate, social and economic justice. She was recently recognized with a 2016 Airkeeper Award.

Robert García

Founding Director and Counsel, The City Project

Robert García is an attorney who engages, educates, and empowers communities through innovative planning, healthy green land use, equitable development, and compliance with civil rights and environmental justice policies and laws. He is the Founding Director and Counsel of The City Project, a non-profit legal and policy team based in Los Angeles, California. Robert has extensive experience in policy and legal advocacy, mediation, and litigation involving complex social justice, civil rights, human health, conservation, education, and criminal justice matters. He received the President's Award from the American Public Health Association, and from California Attorneys for Criminal Justice.

Stuart Clarke

Executive Director, Town Creek Foundation

Stuart Clarke has been Executive Director of the Town Creek Foundation, based in Easton, Maryland since 2004. His previous philanthropic experience includes serving as a Program Officer with the Turner Foundation and as Development Director of the Southern Partners Fund, both in Atlanta, Georgia. Stuart has also served on the faculty of Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts; as the Director of the Atlanta Outward Bound Center; and as the Chief Operating Officer of Hands On Network, a national network of community-based centers for volunteerism and civic action. He received his undergraduate degree from Lafayette College in Pennsylvania and did his graduate work at Yale University.

Terence "TC" Muhammad

Advocacy Manager, Hip Hop Caucus

Terence "TC" Muhammad has been a community activist and organizer for over two decades. His experience spans voter mobilization campaigns, issue advocacy, and coalition building in African American communities, faith communities, on college campuses, and among civil rights and progressive organizations. Terence's primary role as Advocacy Manager for Hip Hop Caucus is to coordinate grassroots mobilizations with advocacy agendas at local, state, and federal levels. TC has been a key force behind executing many of Hip Hop Caucus' campaigns, tours, and major events, including: the 2008, 2012, and 2016 Respect My Vote! Campaigns; environmental campaigns including People's Climate Music, the Hip Hop Caucus Act On Climate HBCU Tour.

Theresa Lewallen

Senior Program Director, Deputy Director, Culture of Health Leaders Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Theresa Lewallen, MA, CHES, prior to coming to the RWJF, held a variety of leadership positions at the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ACSD), where she played an instrumental role in the development of ASCD's whole child efforts. At ASCD, she directed a project funded by the RWJF linking schools with local public health agencies with project outcomes. Previously, she engaged schools and communities in collaborative school improvement work, authoring policy papers and journal articles, and presented at national and international conferences.



THE DOROTHY PURLEY - JUST TRANSITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Track Description

This track will provide participants with an understanding of Just Transition Workforce Development Training and Job Creation. Sessions will be provided in this track which address the just transition training concept, major workforce development training opportunities, training challenges, workforce development best practices, workforce training and job creation solutions, discrimination in the workplace, the special needs of low-income, minority, and Tribal communities in job training programs, community benefit agreements, and the economic impact of workforce development training programs.

In Honor of Dorothy Purley

DOROTHY PURLEY (1939 - 1999)

Laguna-Acoma Coalition, Native
American Pueblo Indian, New Mexico



Dorothy Purley, a founding member of Laguna Acoma Coalition for a Safe Environment (LACSE), was one of the strongest advocates for health issues following closure of the world's largest open pit uranium mine – the Anaconda mine. She worked as a truck driver for ten years in the open-pit mine, hauling high-grade uranium ore to the mill site. In 1993 she was diagnosed with lymphoma; but this news only spurred her into advocacy for education of Native American tribes and others about the hazards of radiation contamination.

Ms. Purley spoke in venues all over the world about the problems of continued mining and the use of nuclear materials, including Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, at gatherings commemorating the 50th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb.

To learn more about Dorothy's personal story visit
<http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/apurley.htm>

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

10:30am - 12:30pm

Introduction to Just Transition Workforce Development Training

The major focus of this session will be defining the concept of just transition workforce development training, and providing the history and perspectives from three experts on this training. Just transition means that the burden of change that benefits everyone will not be placed disproportionately on a few. It means that the process of change will increase social justice for workers, women, the poor, and all oppressed groups. The session will also address the relationship between income inequality, just transition, and workforce development. The session will begin with an overview of the goals, agenda, and anticipated results for this track.

Moderator: Sharon Beard (NIEHS) **Speakers:** Sharon Beard (NIEHS), Khalil Shahyd (NRDC), Larry Williams (Sierra Club), Jose Bravo (Just Transition Alliance), Les Leopold (Labor Institute)

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Workforce Training Challenges, Opportunities, and Best Practices

This session will be an interactive dialogue about workforce development training challenges, opportunities, best practices, and solutions. This dialogue will be led by speakers from the U.S. Department of Labor, EPA, NIEHS, a training program graduate, a training program grantee, and an employer. Session participants will engage in this dialogue on lessons learned in overcoming training challenges, defining training opportunities, and implementing best practices and solutions.

Moderator: Larry Williams (Sierra Club) **Speakers:** Bernadette Grafton, EPA, Sharon Beard (NIEHS), Aisha Dorn (Civic Works Baltimore), Art Shanks (Cypress Mandela Training Center), James Foti (DOL), Jamez Staples (Renewable

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Workforce Development Training Challenges for Under-Skilled Workers

This session will address the workforce development training challenges for under-skilled workers. Topics to be discussed during this dialogue will include workforce training policy, preparation, and persistence; pre-apprenticeship training, readiness, apprenticeship training, immigrant training, and co-op training; poverty alleviation, discrimination in the labor market, and breaking

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down the color bar in the trades; veteran and ex-offender labor training best practices and success stories; living wage and community benefit agreements.

Moderator: Sharon Beard (NIEHS) **Speakers:** Cecelia Knox (Prince George's Community College), Arturo Archila (United Steelworkers), Tippi Reed (OAI), Margareth Bennett (Office of Equal Opportunity Programs, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center), Ben Beach (The Partnership for Working Families), Art Lujun (North America's Building Trades Unions)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:30am - 11:30am

Benefits of Workforce Development Training (■ Live Streaming)

This session will be an interactive dialogue on the benefits of workforce development training. Specific focus areas during this dialogue will include the economic impact of workforce development training programs, the role of workforce development training and job creation in revitalizing communities (including success stories); training programs for rural communities; training programs for Native Americans; and training and job creation resources and training tools.

Moderator: Khalil Shahyd (NRDC) **Speakers:** Sharon Beard (NIEHS), Marilyn Wreen (Coalfield Development Corporation), Henry Red Cloud (Lakota Solar), Laura Ibañez (Office of Workforce Investment, DOL), Payton Wilkins (Coalition of Black Trade Unionists), Cal Soto (National Day Laborer Organizing Network)

11:30am - 1:30pm

Vision for the Future: Just Transition Workforce Development Training (■ Live Streaming)

This session will examine the vision for the future of just transition workforce development training. This session will begin with an assessment of what the workforce development training best practices and success stories discussed in the earlier sessions of this track mean for the future implementation of successful workforce training programs.

Moderator: Sharon Beard (NIEHS) **Speakers:** Donele Wilkins (Green Door Initiative), Cathy Feingold (AFL-CIO), Ebony Turner (Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, Dillard University), Dr. Sue Briggum (Waste Management)



THE REVEREND HON. CLEMENTA C. PINCKNEY-BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES & ACCESS TO FINANCIAL RESOURCES TRACK

Track Description

This track will focus on a spectrum of business opportunities that can help vulnerable communities stimulate local development and strengthen their economic base. Participants will learn about the incentive programs and resources for new and traditional business opportunities and how they can be deployed. Through peer-to-peer learning, participants will learn how to navigate managing the risks that are common for new businesses; how to access starter capital; and how businesses grow.

In Honor of Reverend Hon. Clementa C. Pinckney

**REVEREND HON. CLEMENTA C. PINCKNEY
(1973 - 2015)**

Reverend Hon. Clementa C. Pinckney served as Democratic state senator for South Carolina's 45th district, and he was the Senior Pastor for Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Pinckney was the youngest African-American state legislator in South Carolina history. After being elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1996 at the age of 23, Pinckney made the jump to the state senate in 2001, where he served for 14 years. As a State Senator, he served on numerous committees, including on finance, banking and insurance, transportation, medical affairs, and corrections and penology. Senator Pinckney was a champion for the revitalization of underserved communities in Spartanburg, as well as renewable energy, in the South Carolina Senate. He sponsored progressive legislation including requiring officers to wear body cameras. Before his life was cut short on June 17, 2015, Senator Clementa Pinckney was faithfully advancing a renewable energy bill.



To learn more about Clementa's personal story visit <http://www.emanuelamechurch.org/revpinckney.php>

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

10:30am - 12:30pm

Small Business and Entrepreneurial Resources to Help Our Communities Thrive (■ Live Streaming)

This panel session is focused on providing ideas and incentives for community development through business and entrepreneurial resources, which are meant to help build capacity for the local and small business community. Each presenter will provide an understanding of what programs and resources are available (on both a federal and local level) to start and/or maintain a small business, non-profit or other locally based project, especially those that are located in vulnerable communities. Attendees will benefit from this training by gaining a better understanding of how to build capacity for their community through small business development.

Moderators: Paula Hoag and David Allen (EPA/OSBP) **Speakers:** Alverta Lopez (Service Core of Retired Executives), Marium Eamen (Small Business Administration), Samira Cook (National Community Reinvestment Coalition)

2:30pm - 5:30pm

Stepping Outside the Box: Exploring Alternative Business Models and Technical Resources to Sustain Community-Based Profit/Non-Profit Entities

Increasingly, governmental funding sources are drying up and competition for foundation grants are getting more intense; thus, organizations need to look to alternative revenue streams and technical opportunities. Understanding that many front line communities address and solve environmental issues in the framework of nonprofit entities, this session will explore alternative business models to sustain operations while sustaining organizational missions. In addition, this session will cover the importance of non-financial technical resources and how such resources can be utilized to support and grow businesses.

Moderator: Dr. Erica L. Holloman (Southeast CARE Coalition/Ayika Solutions, Inc.) **Speakers: Part 1 – Alternative Business Models and Technical Resources 101:** Marilyn Waite (Village Capital), Tracey Woods (AABE) | **Part 2 – This is How We Do It: Testimonies from The Frontlines on How to Utilize Alternative Models and Technical Resources to Support and Expand Your Business Entity:** Rev. Leo M. Woodberry (Kingdom Living Temple/ New Alpha CDC), Darry Perkins (Broccoli City Festival)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:30am - 11:00am

Your Business Needs the Internet and the Internet Needs You

People every day are starting their businesses on the internet. This interactive session is an introduction to taking your ideas, brand and/or business to the internet. It will also cover how to use various websites and social media platforms to generate income. Presenters will share their own experiences and how they use the internet and social media to advertise their businesses and increase their clientele. Participants will be given the opportunity to use a creative process to generate business ideas and/or strengthen their current ideas. The presenters will give recommendations and participants will work together to match their ideas with various internet platforms.

Moderators: Colber Prosper (Prosper & Partners, LLC) and Al Weaver (2Bridge Community Development Exchange) **Speakers:** Earl Coleman (Pearlio), Jason Townes (The Townes Group, LLC)

11:00am - 12:30pm

Federal Financial Resources: What Can Work for Communities, Why and How

This session will provide an overview of what's available now, from a range of federal agencies, and what may be most suited to package into a community-based project consistent with an equitable development strategy. Over the course of 90 minutes, attendees will be given an introduction to key federal programs in three categories:

1. Traditional community development programs
2. Business-focused economic development programs
3. Tax incentives

Participants will be encouraged to ask specific questions about program application and usefulness. Also, participants will be called on to share their experiences with federal resources – what's worked, what hasn't, and why.

Moderator and Speaker: Charlie Bartsch (EPA/OLEM)

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Track Wrap Up



THE DANA ALSTON - HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES TRACK

Track Description

This track will focus on environmental and public health issues, in the larger context of other social and economic issues vital to community development. This track will explore the challenges, barriers, and impacts that communities face and address how communities can build capacity to learn from these lessons and best practices to better understand and solve this problem. Speakers will represent a variety of perspectives and experiences including from environmental justice groups and other non-governmental organizations, EPA and other federal agencies, as well as academics, business and philanthropic organizations.

In Honor of Dana Alston

DANA ALSTON (1951 - 1999)

Dana Alston died on Aug. 7, 1999, from complications from kidney disease and the consequences of a stroke.

Though she was only 47 years old, Dana was a major figure in the social and environmental justice arenas, and in philanthropy. Dana served as one of the key planning committee members for the First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit held in October of 1991. In 1990, she co-authored the seminal report, We Speak for Ourselves, which articulated one of the key concepts of the environmental justice movement - that those most impacted by environmental threats are most capable of speaking for themselves - to tell their own stories and share their vision for community restoration and racial and economic justice. At the First People of Color Summit, Dana gave a historic speech articulating the history of environmental racism, inequity, classism and the need to pursue and build a multi-racial, multi-cultural environmental justice movement.



Dana's legacy lives on with her only son Khalil Everett Grenier Alston-Cobb, and in the Alston/Bannerman Fellowship Program (www.AlstonBannerman.org)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

10:30am - 11:30am

Models of Community Engagement

Non-profits, universities, government agencies, and other groups use different community engagement approaches to address local environmental justice and health issues. Through community-driven research, community groups utilize their grassroots activism and resources, "expert local knowledge", and partnerships to build community capacity, improve environmental health, and revitalize overburdened and underserved neighborhoods. In this session, panelists will share stories, challenges, and lessons learned from their efforts to use partnerships and community-driven research to address environmental injustice and health disparities across the country.

Moderator: Vernice Miller-Travis (Skeo) **Speakers:** Omega Wilson (West End Revitalization Association), Kamita Gray (BTB Coalition), Rep. Harold Mitchell (ReGenesis), Parisa Norouzi (Empower DC, Invited)

11:30am - 12:30pm

The Role of Community Colleges

The community college is often overlooked as a viable option for training and education. However, those engaged in the mission to provide education for all commit to do this through an open access admission policy and comprehensive programs with a community-based approach to teaching and lifelong learning. This session will highlight how the community college engages the internal and external community to provide education, services and training. The conversation will include how to incorporate social justice and environmental consciousness in the process.

Moderator: Dr. Scheherazade W. Forman (Prince George's Community College) **Speakers:** Dr. Rosa Smith, Alicia Jackson-Warren, Danette Johnson, Brian Hamlin, Dr. David Buonora, Monique Burton-student (all affiliated with Prince George's Community College)

2:30pm - 3:45pm

Climate Change (■ Live Streaming)

Climate change has and will continue to produce an increasing burden on vulnerable populations including children, the elderly, low-income communities of color, and tribes. Beyond an increased burden, climate change impacts will continue to result in the need for a strong, coordinated,

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and intentional disaster response and ultimate recovery for communities affected by climate-related disasters.

Moderator: Dr. Adrienne Hollis, Esq. (*WE ACT for Environmental Justice*)

Speakers: Sarah Dresher (*Forest Co. Potawatomi*), Dr. Mildred McClain (*Harambee House*), Sara Pennington (*Kentuckians for the Commonwealth*), and Dr. Yomi (*Eco Action - Hercules Program*)

3:45pm - 5:30pm

Engaging Youth in Community Problem Solving (■ Live Streaming)

There is a need for a diversified young green leadership and relevant best practices for our most vulnerable communities. The benefits of active and strategic community engagement can be explored through the use of project based learning as youth investigate and respond to questions to solve problems. This session will address the essential question, “*what’s in it for me and my community?*” through presentations on community-based learning.

This session will conclude with a moderated discussion with the audience.

Moderator: Jerome Shabazz (*JASTECH Development Services, Inc*) **Speakers:** Robert Noblett (*Water Quality*), Danielle Collins (*Environmental Fashion*), Ally Philyaw (*Water Quality*), Johnathan Cohen (*Water Quality*)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:30am - 10:30am

**Citizen Science and Community Monitoring:
New Tools for Environmental Justice**

Exciting developments in inexpensive pollution sensors, apps and data visualization can empower communities to conduct their own environmental monitoring. This session will provide an overview of these trends using examples from different communities working on different issues. The goal is to engage the audience in learning about what is possible; discuss how more communities can get involved; and, hear ideas about what kinds of community monitoring are most valuable.

Moderators: Jay Benforado (*EPA/ORD*) and Shannon Dosemagen (*Public Laboratory for Open Technology and Science*) **Speakers:** Omar Muhammad (*Low Country Alliance for Model Communities*), Omega Wilson (*West End Revitalization Association*), Dr. Mildred McClain (*Harambee House*), Craig Kreman (*Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma*)

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Disaster Recovery

This panel will highlight efforts by communities to prepare for and strengthen their ability to respond to and recover from future disaster impacts with minimum damage to social well-being, the economy, and the environment. Their presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion with the audience to explore opportunities and resources for communities to prepare and respond to disasters.

Moderator: Matt Campbell (*FEMA*) **Speakers:** Dr. Beverly Wright (*Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, Dillard University*), Monique Harden, Esq. (*Advocates for Environmental Human Rights*)

11:30am - 12:30pm

Increasing Environmental Health Literacy Through Improved Access to Data

Environmental Health Literacy (EHL) is an emerging and evolving concept that shares theories, methods, and practices from a variety of fields including public health, health literacy, and risk communication. EHL is an important way to ‘inpower’ residents that live in communities impacted by environmental injustice. In this session, panelists will discuss different approaches that they have used to improve environmental health literacy in the communities they work in, how these efforts have inpowered these stakeholders, impacts, lessons learned, and best practices.

Moderator: Dr. Sacoby Wilson (*University of Maryland-College Park School of Public Health*) **Speakers:** Ramon Palencia-Calvo (*Chispa Maryland*), Maria Payans (*SRAP*), Walkiria Pool (*Centro de Apoyo*)

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Engaging Grants and Other Resources for Communities

This session will provide an overview of financial resources available to vulnerable communities and their partners. Audience will learn about federal and technical resources, loan opportunities, contracts, foundational grants, and fellowships from the government, philanthropic, and the private sector. An engaging question and answer dialogue with the audience is anticipated.

Moderator: Jacob Burney (*EPA/OEJ*) **Speakers:** Patricia Glass (*HHS*), Beth Toner (*Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*), Hannah Kett (*Duwamish Clean UP*), and Rae Tamblin (*National Association for State Communities Service Association*)



THE HAZEL M. JOHNSON ECO-CAFÉ AND NETWORKING SESSION

In Honor of Hazel M. Johnson

HAZEL M. JOHNSON (1935-2011)



Hazel M. Johnson, affectionately known as the “Mother of the Environmental Justice movement”, pioneered Environmental-Justice activism for four decades in South Side Chicago. After her husband died of lung cancer in 1969, Mrs. Johnson began documenting the illnesses of her neighbors and linking them to contaminated air, water and soil. She discovered an inordinate rate of cancer, including four young girls who died of cancer “whose bodies were so tiny they could fit in shoe boxes”. She founded “People for Community Recovery” in 1979, which then worked to remove lead based paint and asbestos from homes in the community. She mentored President Barack Obama when he worked as a community organizer in the 1980s. Mrs. Johnson was awarded a gold medal from President George Bush and served as an advisor to President Bill Clinton in the creation of the Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898.

For more information about Mrs. Hazel Johnson please visit <http://www.peopleforcommunityrecovery.org/>

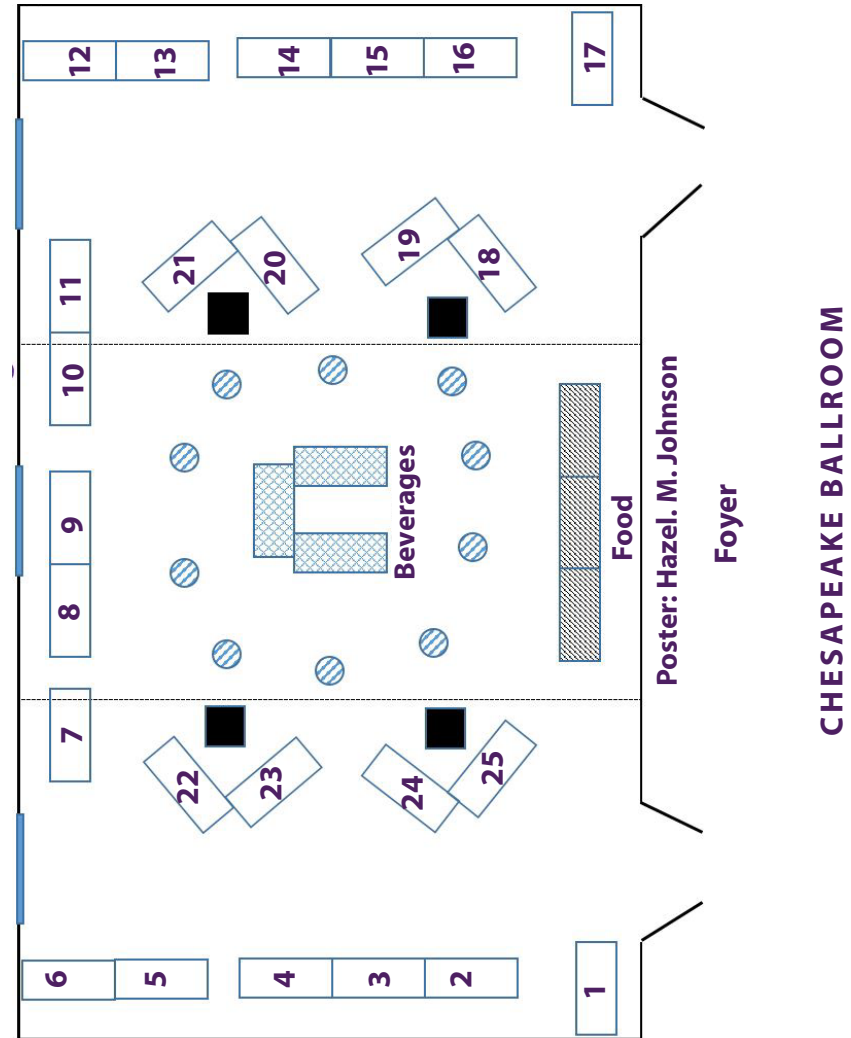
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