

# Agenda

## Health Effects Institute Workshop | October 20–21, 2022

### New Science to Inform Environmental Justice

Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, 165 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, GA

#### Thursday, October 20

7:00                    **Registration desk opens (provided)**

7:30                    **Breakfast (provided)**

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.    **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

9:00     Welcome and Opening of the Workshop  
*Daniel Greenbaum*

9:15     Workshop Ground Rules  
*Jeff Brook, Ana Navas-Acien*

9:30 – 10:45 a.m.   **Keynote Session**  
*Moderator: Ana Navas-Acien*

9:30     Introduction  
*Ana Navas-Acien*

9:35     Environmental Justice: past, present, and future  
*Na'Taki Osborne Jelks, Spelman College*

10:10    How can EJ research empower the community?  
*Mychal Johnson, South Bronx Unite*

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.   **Break**

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Breakout Session 1: “Identifying EJ Priorities and Concerns: A View from Various Sectors”**

Attendees from different sectors will identify gaps in knowledge or capacity that have not been addressed by previous EJ research efforts.

Room 1   EJ Community organizations and advocacy groups  
*Facilitator: Christina Fuller*

Room 2   Policymakers  
*Facilitator: Heather Holmes*

Room 3   Academics  
*Facilitator: Ivan Rusyn*

12:30 – 1:45 pm     **Lunch**

1:45 – 2:15 pm     **Discussion Recap**

2:15 – 3:15 pm **Panel Discussion – “What are barriers to and opportunities for conducting effective EJ research?”**

*Moderator: Christina Fuller*

In this discussion, panelists will share their perspectives on research barriers they have encountered and strategies used to overcome them. The panel, along with attendees, will explore approaches for more effective EJ research in the future.

*Panelists:*

*Rachel Morello-Frosch, University of California, Berkeley*

*Yoshira Ornelas Van Horne, Columbia University*

*Regan Patterson, University of California Los Angeles*

*Sherri White-Williamson, NC Conservation Network*

3:15 – 3:30 pm **Break**

3:30 – 4:30 pm **Breakout Session 2 – “Identifying EJ Priorities by Research Topic”**

Attendees from different sectors will come together to discuss shared interests. We aim to collect diverse perspectives on the remaining gaps in addressing this issue and common barriers to forming successful cross-sector collaborations.

Room 1 Air pollution

*Facilitator: Ana Navas-Acien*

Room 2 Climate Impacts

*Facilitator: Jeff Brook*

Room 3 Community science and capacity building

*Facilitator: Ana Rule*

4:30 – 5:00 pm **Discussion Recap**

5:00 – 6:00 pm **Networking Session**

6:30 pm **Workshop Dinner**

## **Friday, October 21**

7:30 **Breakfast (provided)**

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. **Summary of Day 1 & Goals for Day 2**

*Chairs: Ana Navas-Acien, Jeff Brook*

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Case Studies**

*Moderator: Jeff Brook*

Successful research–community partnerships formed during environmental justice research have led to positive changes. This session will invite leaders of these projects to share their journey along with what they have learned.

- 9:15 Introduction  
*Jeff Brook*
- 9:20 Showcase 1: *Nalleli Hidalgo, Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services (T.E.J.A.S) and Garrett Sansom, Texas A&M University*
- 9:40 Showcase 2: *Lynne Young, Pathways to Sustainability and Melanie Pearson, Emory University*
- 10:00 Showcase 3: *Genevieve Flores-Haro, Mixteco Indígena Community Organizing Project and Michael Mendez, University of California, Irvine*
- 10:20 Discussion

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Break**

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. **Breakout Session Round 1 - “Identifying Solutions and Promote Future Collaborations”**

Participants will be invited to three breakout rooms to discuss promising EJ research directions, successful initiatives, and potential solutions for shared challenges. The first round of discussion will focus on identifying future EJ research topics and potential collaborations, while the second round will be discussing potential solutions for challenges encountered in study logistics and forming sustainable partnerships.

Room 1 *Facilitator: Ana Rule*

Room 2 *Facilitator: Heather Holmes*

Room 3 *Facilitator: Ivan Rusyn*

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 pm **Discussion Recap**

12:15 – 1:15 pm **Lunch Break**

1:15 – 2:15 pm **Breakout Session Round 2 - “Identifying Solutions and Promoting Future Collaborations”**

Room 1 *Facilitator: Ana Navas-Acien*

Room 2 *Facilitator: Jeff Brook*

Room 3 *Facilitator: Christina Fuller*

2:15 – 2:45 pm **Discussion Recap**

2:45 – 3:00 pm **Closing Remarks**