

2022 Online Annual Meeting March 5-7

Accelerating Climate Solutions: From Urgency to Impact for Health & Equity

• Program Guide •



• Welcome •

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health, welcome to our 2022 annual conference. We are thrilled that you are joining us.

Last year was an intense one for those of us who work in health. Just as we thought we were emerging from the delta variant of the Covid plague, we found the country facing an even more contagious omicron variant, compounded by a dispiriting outbreak of mis-information and political malpractice. These subjected people around the country and those who work in the health system to another wave of awful stress.

Most of you pushed through all this and continued to work to protect the climate and extract the local and global benefits that we know can be ours if we can stop carbon pollution in all its forms and regenerate our soils, wetlands, and forests. Our opportunity seemed to be here with the election of a president and a Congress that are committed to climate progress. The Consortium and many partner organizations put forth recommendations to government at every level: executive leadership, regulatory agencies, legislative, and even the courts. We pushed for and then were delighted to see an Office of Climate Change and Health Equity established within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Tremendous time was invested to unlock that potential for progress at the national and state levels. At this time, many things are happening, much is in process, and our vision has not dimmed.

Today, as we gather for our 5th annual meeting, the outcome is still in the balance. A Bipartisan Infrastructure Law presents real opportunity to states that can use it for climate progress, supported by advocates who are willing to learn about it and help make it happen.

Climate investments that were in the larger package of legislation have not passed but still can!

Our climate and health movement went global and ensured that health was a more prominent focus than ever at COP26. The U.S. Secretary for Health went to COP26 and announced that the U.S. Health System would decarbonize. The National Academy of Medicine picked up the banner of decarbonization of the health system and this work is starting to bear fruit!

This annual conference brings together climate and health advocates for the purpose of advancing our work to accelerate change. At this meeting, you will learn about new evidence-supported messaging to sharpen your influence, with both the public and public officials, you will familiarize and update yourself on policy opportunities to make transportation and infrastructure healthier, more active, and more equitable; to make energy that is cleaner and more efficient, and to decarbonize our health system.

On Monday, we will visit Congress to share our perspective that “all climate is local” and that taking action will rapidly reward people in their home districts with a future of better health.

Again, we salute the many climate health leaders and advocates who are attending this conference. Thank you to all the important work you are doing. We hope you enjoy the meeting.

With appreciation and excitement,



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New Report: The Medical Promise of Climate Solutions

The Medical Society Consortium on Climate & Health has released a new report *The Medical Promise of Climate Solutions* as a backgrounder for health professionals. The report outlines five climate solutions that research shows will deliver immediate health and equity benefits. The Medical Promise report makes the case that tackling climate change, quickly and ambitiously, presents us with a tremendous opportunity not only to protect our long-term health, but to improve our health now.

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WHEN: September 25 - October 2, 2022

WHERE: Virtual and in-person (National Center for Atmospheric Research and Rocky Mountain National Park)

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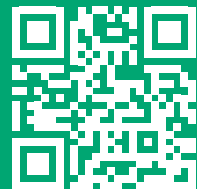
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• Agenda •

Saturday, March 5

10:00 am – 11:00 am ET	Colleague Connections				
11:00 am – 11:15 am ET	Welcome and Agenda of the Day Mona Sarfaty, MD MPH, Executive Director, Medical Society Consortium on Climate & Health Edward Maibach, PhD, Director, Center for Climate Change Communication				
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12 noon – 12:45 pm ET	Plenary: What was Achieved in 2021? How Can We Accelerate Progress? Speakers: Gina McCarthy, White House National Climate Advisor, and Rachel Levine, Assistant Secretary for Health, HHS Moderator: Mona Sarfaty, MD MPH, and John Balbus, MD MPH				
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3:00 pm – 3:30 pm ET	Choose the Chat Break or Meet the Author : Bonnie Schneider, Meteorologist & Author, <i>Taking the Heat: How Climate Change is Affecting Your Mind, Body & Spirit, and What You Can Do About It</i> , (Simon & Schuster)				
3:30 pm – 4:15 pm ET	Climate Progress and Setbacks at the State Level Speakers: Mark Mitchell, MD, State Affairs Director MSCCH and Robert Kitchen, MD Moderator: Joel Charles, MD				
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm ET	Dialogue on Carbon Pricing Speaker and Moderator: Princella Talley, Journalist Speaker: Samuel Grant, PhD, Executive Director, Rainbow Research Discussant: Dallas Burtraw, PhD, Resources for the Future				
5:00 pm – 5:15 pm ET	Special Presentation Edward Maibach, PhD				
5:15 pm – 6:00 pm ET	Steering Committee + Board of Advisors Meeting Exploring State Climate and Health Activities – Join the Discussion Happy Hour for State Affiliates & Prospective New Members + Groups If you are interested in starting or joining a state clinicians for climate action group, stick around for a chat with current state group members.				

1. Continuing education credits are available for doctors, nurses, and licensed social workers. [See details on page 12>](#)

• Agenda •

Sunday, March 6

10:00 am - 11:00 am ET	Colleague Connections
11:00 am - 11:15 pm ET	Agenda of the Day
11:15 am - 12:00 noon ET	Addressing Air Pollution Nationally, Locally, and in the Clinic (CE²) Moderator: Laura Kate Bender, American Lung Association Speaker: Kari Nadeau, MD PhD, Stanford University
12:00 noon - 12:45 pm ET	Plenary: Health Care's Path to Decarbonization (CE²) Moderator: Jessica Wolff, MBA, MSN, U.S. Director of Climate and Health, Health Care Without Harm Speakers: Victor Dzau, MD, President National Academy of Medicine, and Elizabeth Schenk, PhD, RN, FAAN, Executive Director of Environmental Stewardship, Providence
12:45 pm - 1:30 pm ET	Lunch
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm ET	Addressing Climate through Equitable Energy Policy Speakers: Matthew Davis, Sr Dr Government Affairs, League Conservation Voters, Charles Bolden, Director Congressional Affairs, Solar Energy Industry Association, and Olivia Nedd, Senior Policy Director, Access & Equity Program, Vote Solar Moderator: Colin Nackerman, MA, Associate Director of Policy & Operations MSCCH
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm ET	Climate Benefits at State and National Levels with the Infrastructure Act Andrew Wishnia , Deputy Assistant Secretary for Climate Policy, DOT Beth Osborne , Director of Transportation for America Moderator: Linda Rudolph, MD MPH, Climate, Health, and Equity Consultant MSCCH
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm ET	Choose the Chat Break or Meet the Authors: <i>Climate Change Children's Book – Fur & Feather Stand Together</i> by David Griswold, Illustrator Eliza Reisfeld
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm ET	Environmental Justice Projects in Southeastern States Speakers: Climate, Health, Equity Fellows Shaneeta Johnson, MD Bethany Carlos, MD Armen Henderson, MD Stephen Houser, MD Linda Walden, MD Moderators: Mark Mitchell, MD, State Affairs Director MSCCH; and Kimberly Williams, PhD, State Equity Initiative Program Manager
4:15 pm - 5:45 pm ET	Preparation for Congressional Visits (required session) Liz Scott , American Lung Association

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Monday, March 7

10:00 am - 5:00 pm ET	Visits to Congress
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MEETING EVALUATION

Please use the following link and provide feedback on this Annual Meeting:

SUBMIT FEEDBACK

• Zoom Information •

Main Session and Education Track

All of the meeting will take place in this Zoom with the exception of the Advocacy Track on Saturday at 11:15am ET (see below for this Zoom link).

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Advocacy Track

Saturday from 11:15am – 12:00pm ET and 1:30pm – 3:00pm ET

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Breakout Group Instructions

We will utilize breakout rooms a few times during this meeting. For the “Colleague Connections” on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00am – 11:00am ET, then on Saturday as part of the Advocacy Track, and for the Chat Rooms and Meet the Author options in the afternoons at 3 pm.

This year we will be using Zoom’s “self-select” feature for breakout rooms. When you click the “Breakout Rooms” icon on the bottom right corner of your screen, you will be able to select which breakout room you would like to join rather than waiting for the meeting host to send you into a breakout room.

Zoom Tips

Please refer to this [google document for full guidance](#).

You will receive the zoom link via email and calendar invitation form in the week leading up to our Online Annual Meeting.

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Please make sure you are on mute for the entirety of the time you are in the main meeting room. This is key to ensuring our meeting runs smoothly and that all speakers are audible. You will be encouraged to speak and participate in the breakout rooms.

Have headphones with a microphone on hand in case your computer audio gives you any trouble!

If you have any issues getting into the meeting, Bev Harp is your point of contact.

Please reach us at: info@medsocietiesforclimatehealth.org

Continuing Education (CE) Language

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Accreditation Statement

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MI: No CE requirement.

The following state boards accept courses offering ASWB ACE credit for MFTs: AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, IA, ID, IN, KS, MD, ME, MO, NC, NE, NH, NM, NV, OK*, OR, PA, RI, TN, TX, UT, VA, WI, WY

MA / MFTs: Participants can self-submit courses not approved by the MAMFT board for review.

MI: No CE requirement.

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• Speakers •



Marcalee Alexander, MD is a Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Physician who focuses her work on climate, sustainability and health. In 2019 she began a walk from Canada to Key West journey along roads in the US to raise awareness of the issues of persons with disabilities related to climate change along with the need for an accessible, health-promoting environment. She is president of Sustain Our Abilities, a 501C3 where rehabilitation professionals and people living with disabilities work together on climate change issues. In 2020, she became Editor-in-Chief of The Journal of Climate Change and Health and in 2021 she edited *Telerehabilitation: Principles and Practice*. Dr. Alexander is also the founder of Day for Tomorrow a day to build community action for adaptation and mitigation to Climate Change and the Graham Project: Green Renaissance Accelerating a Healthy Atmosphere for Mankind. Dr. Alexander is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health and lectures frequently nationally and internationally regarding climate change, health and disability.



John M. Balbus, MD, MPH is the Interim Director and inaugural leader of the Office of Climate Change and Health Equity in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He is well known to the Consortium as he served as a member of the founding Advisory Committee and then Advisory Board for the Consortium since its inception. Formerly, he served as the Senior Advisor for Public Health to the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, where he directed the NIEHS-WHO Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health Sciences. He has served as HHS principal to the U.S. Global Change Research Program and chaired the working groups on Climate Change and Human Health for the US Global Change Research Program and for the National Institutes of Health. Balbus was co-convening lead author for the 4th US National Climate Assessment as well as a lead author on the 2016 GCRP Special Report on the Health Impacts of Climate Change in the United States. He is co-author of the HHS guide document "*Primary Protection: Enhancing Health Care Resilience for a Changing Climate.*"



Laura Kate Bender has spent more than a decade working for protections from air pollution and climate change. She currently serves as National Assistant Vice President, Healthy Air at the American Lung Association, where she leads the Healthy Air Campaign, directing advocacy initiatives in Washington, DC; field staff working in multiple states; and coordination of a broad group of national public health and medical organizations. She previously served as the campaign's lead representative to Congress, advocating for limits on outdoor air pollution to protect public health. Prior to that, she worked in Virginia to implement the Healthy Air Campaign on the state level. She also served on the board of the Virginia Asthma Coalition. Prior to joining the Lung Association, Laura Kate worked as an organizer on clean air issues for Environment America. Laura Kate studied political science and communications at American University in Washington, DC. She lives in Fairfax, Virginia with her husband and two children.



Charles Bolden is the Director of Congressional Affairs, and leads SEIA's energy and carbon portfolio. Charles started off his career in politics working for Congressman Danny K. Davis of Illinois as a fellow. Prior to joining SEIA, Charles previously served several roles in Representative Robin Kelly's office, most recently as her energy advisor, including helping to lead an Energy and Commerce Committee round table on diversity in the energy industry. With 6 years of Capitol Hill experience, he has a deep network with strong relationships on both sides of the aisle. Charles is a graduate of Tuskegee University where he was involved in a number of on-campus activities, including playing football for the Golden Tigers. Charles currently lives in Washington, D.C. where he enjoys fishing, golfing, and visiting the various museums around the DMV.

• Speakers •



Erica Browne is a program officer with the Health Program at The Kresge Foundation, supporting the team's Climate Change, Health and Equity initiative and commitment to racial equity, community-driven solutions and investments that advance health equity. Previously, Erica served as a faculty affiliate with the California Initiative for Health Equity and Action, where she was involved with research projects for state policymakers that focused on social determinants of health and cross-sector collaborations. She has also held positions with Kaiser Permanente, the University Health Services at the University of California, Berkeley and Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. Erica earned a doctorate degree in public health from the University of California, Berkeley, a master's degree in community health sciences from the University of California, Los Angeles and a bachelor's degree in development studies from the University of California, Berkeley.



Dallas Burtraw, Darius Gaskins Senior Fellow, Resources for the Future, has worked to promote efficient control of air pollution and written extensively on electricity industry regulation and environmental outcomes. Burtraw's current research includes analysis of the distributional and regional consequences of climate policy, the evolution of electricity markets including renewable integration, and the interaction of climate policy with electricity markets. He has provided technical support in the design of carbon dioxide emissions trading programs in the Northeast states, California, and the European Union. He also has studied regulation of nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide under the Clean Air Act and conducted integrated assessment of costs, and modeled health and ecosystem effects and valuation, including ecosystem improvement in the Adirondack Park and the southern Appalachian region. Burtraw serves currently as Chair of the California Independent Emissions Market Advisory Committee. Burtraw holds a Ph.D. in economics and a master's degree in public policy from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Davis.



Bethany Carlos, MD, MPH is a Pediatrician from South Carolina who completed her medical training Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). Before going to medical school, she trained in community and public health. She is a graduate of the inaugural 2021 Climate and Health Equity Fellowship through the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health and the National Medical Association. She has been involved with local and national climate advocacy and provides guidance on the impact of climate change on children's health. She has experience through the American Academy of Pediatrics, MUSC Groups on Diversity Affairs, and international health organizations. She is serving in the National Health Service Corps at a community health facility in Washington, DC.



Joel Charles, MD is a full spectrum family physician practicing in rural southwest Wisconsin where he serves as medical director for the Kickapoo Valley Medical Clinic. From the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health he received his MD and Master of Public Health degrees, the latter focusing on climate and health. He attended both those programs as a recipient of the Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholarship. He completed residency at Sutter Santa Rosa Family Medicine Residency. Upon returning to Wisconsin he helped found and became chair of Wisconsin Health Professionals for Climate Action, a fast growing group of health professionals committed to advocating for equitable solutions to the climate crisis in order to protect Wisconsinites. He has a 3 year old son Finn and an infant daughter Juniper, who help him remember why he does this work.



Matthew H. Davis, MPH is the Senior Director of Government Affairs at the League of Conservation Voters (LCV). There he works on a wide variety of legislative and administrative policy issues with a focus on climate change, clean energy, and air pollution. Prior to joining LCV, he was a career civil servant for a decade at the EPA in the Office of Congressional Affairs and Office of Children's Health Protection, managing inquiries, technical translation and relationships with congressional offices and committees and helping develop regulations in accordance with the science of children's unique vulnerabilities, respectively. He got his start in environmental policy work and organizing in Maine, where he founded and ran Environment Maine, a non-profit advocacy group that is part of the Environment America network.

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Brenna Doheny, PhD, MPH is a Postdoctoral Associate at the University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth. Her background in environmental health sciences informs her interest in advancing a holistic approach to health and healthcare that encompasses social and environmental determinants of health. Dr. Doheny earned her PhD at the Medical University of South Carolina studying the effects of endocrine disrupting contaminants on female reproductive tract development in the American alligator. Her passion for communicating environmental health science then led her to pursue an MPH degree at the University of Minnesota. As a rural Minnesota resident, Dr. Doheny has developed an awareness of rural health disparities, and her research involves developing new ways to assess and address rural health needs through community-engaged research, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing. Dr. Doheny is an advocate for planetary health and advancing solutions to address the climate crisis. She serves as Executive Director of Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate, an organization that inspires and activates Minnesota health professionals to address climate change through interprofessional education, clinical practice, and public advocacy.



Nicole Duritz is a communications leader with a track record of designing-award winning advocacy and learning programs that engage and empower target audiences. She has over 20 years of senior-level non-profit management, strategic planning and issue campaign expertise. Prior to joining the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health, Nicole served as Vice President of Public Affairs and Outreach for Physicians for Fair Coverage (PFC). At PFC, Nicole developed and co-lead legislative strategy resulting in legislative victories in PFC's target states. For nearly two decades, Nicole worked at AARP. She served as Vice President of Health for AARP's Education & Outreach group directing AARP's public education efforts on health security, Medicare, the Affordable Care Act, caregiving and long-term care. Nicole and her team designed consumer-focused resources and tools to ensure that the public had the information and support necessary to make decisions on critical life issues. Nicole also ran AARP's Health Reform Implementation Campaign and oversaw strategic policy planning, voter education and internet advocacy. Before joining AARP, Nicole was a principal with e-Advocates, a multi-million-dollar internet advocacy consulting firm. She started her career on Capitol Hill working for the United States House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health and the Environment. Nicole lives in Virginia with her husband and 18-year-old twin sons. She is an avid runner having completed 13 marathons and in her spare time she runs a community outreach foundation.



Victor J. Dzau, MD is the President of the US National Academy of Medicine (NAM). In addition, he serves as Vice Chair of the US National Research Council. He is Chancellor Emeritus and James B. Duke Professor of Medicine at Duke University and the past President and CEO of the Duke University Health System. Previously, Dr. Dzau was the Hersey Professor of Medicine and Chairman of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, as well as Bloomfield Professor and Chairman of Medicine at Stanford University. He is an internationally acclaimed leader and physician-scientist who has made a significant impact through his seminal research in cardiovascular medicine and genetics. His research laid the foundation for development of the class of lifesaving drugs known as ACE inhibitors, used globally to treat high blood pressure and congestive heart failure. Dr. Dzau serves as the inaugural president of NAM and led its transition from the Institute of Medicine. At NAM, he leads a strategy of innovation, action and equity. He designed and led important initiatives such as the Global Health Risk Framework; Human Genome Editing; Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation; and the Grand Challenge in Climate Change and Human Health & Equity.

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Rob Gould started his career in public relations and social marketing and then founded an independent consultancy, One Degree Strategies in 2014 to support organizations that promote health and social causes. A primary focus of his work has been on advancing public understanding and support for action to solve climate change. His previous climate work includes projects with AAAS, CDC, Aquarium of the Pacific, and the award-winning "Ostrich" campaign for SciencetoGo with the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. Since the Consortium's launch in 2017, Rob has served as strategic counselor and director of strategic communications. Rob is also a Scholar in Residence at GMU, teaching social marketing and advising graduate students. Rob earned a doctorate in experimental social psychology from the University of Maryland.



Sam Grant is a transformative organizer, researcher, evaluator, educator, and facilitator committed to mutual thriving. He is the executive director of Rainbow Research, a social justice research and evaluation firm founded in 1974. He has been on community faculty at Metropolitan State University since 1990, where he created and leads their Minor in Community Organizing and Development. At Rainbow, Sam is leading work to advance economic, environmental, climate justice, cultural and racial justice. In a former role as executive director at MN350 he engaged in the complex discourse of how we fight for climate justice in a capitalist world-ecology, with profound limits to political discourse within a racialized political economy. He is a Fellow with the Institute on the Environment, University of Minnesota, member of the National Advisory Committee for the Agricultural Fairness Alliance, Board member of the Human Systems Dynamics Institute, and Board President Emeritus of the Sierra Leone Foundation for New Democracy.



David Griswold is the author of climate change children's book *Fur & Feather Stand Together*. In 2009, David left a job at Google to lead wilderness trips in Yosemite, because he felt the most important thing he could do was to help kids reconnect with nature. Four years ago, pondering what to do about climate change in the months before his first daughter was born, he sat down to write the tale of a penguin and a polar bear working together to save the world's melting ice. With the help of folks ranging from climate scientists, to lawyers, activists, and friends, the story has since evolved in a way he hopes addresses climate change's overlapping environmental, racial, and social issues, while still retaining the heart, humor, and simplicity needed to make these issues accessible to the youngest among us.



Karly Hampshire is a fourth year medical student at the University of California, San Francisco planning to pursue a career in internal medicine, with interests in medical education, infectious disease, and climate health. She is the founder and co-director of the Planetary Health Report Card, a student-led, metric-based initiative to inspire planetary health in medical schools that has evaluated more than 60 medical schools in five countries, with adaptations underway for pharmacy and nursing programs. She is currently on a climate and health focused gap year researching the health consequences of climate change, helping lead the Climate Resources for Health Education initiative, serving as the MS4SF Curriculum Co-Chair, and working to integrate climate change into UCSF's infectious disease curriculum. She is also a fellow at the newly-established University of California Center for Climate, Health and Equity.

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Armen Henderson, MD, MBA is an assistant professor at the University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine, Director of Health Programs with Dream Defenders and Founder of the Dade County Street Response (disaster relief and community medic teams). He completed medical School at Meharry Medical College ('14) and general internal medicine residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital/UM ('17). Recently he has been active in responding to vulnerable communities since the start of COVID-19, particularly working with those that are unsheltered in Miami. Focus areas are climate change, street medicine, disaster preparedness, gun violence, social determinants of health and community organizing.



Gideon Hertz is an associate vice president for Burness' domestic practice. Since joining Burness in 2012, he has worked in issue areas including education, environmental science, health policy, public health, neuroscience, biomedical research and global health. Gideon works across the company to conduct communications audits; develop strategic communications plans and messages; write press releases and secure media coverage in local, national and international media outlets; and plan and execute public events. Gideon also works on Burness' training programs, planning, developing and leading over 150 communications workshops to date for diverse organizations like the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, The National Institutes of Health, National Quality Forum, American Heart Association, PATH Malaria Vaccine Initiative, Duke University, and The Society for Neuroscience. These sessions focus on message development, media relations, crafting and delivering presentations, storytelling, persuasive writing and crisis communications, among other topics. Prior to joining Burness full time, Gideon interned with the company in the summer of 2011, assisting with media and policy trainings, developing media lists and researching various health and science issues. He also worked as a research and policy intern for Senator Michael Bennet's 2010 re-election campaign.



Cheryl Holder, MD, FACP is Co-Chair of Florida Clinicians for Climate Action. Dr. Holder is board-certified in Internal Medicine and has dedicated her medical career to serving underserved populations. As President of the Florida State Medical Association – which is the state affiliate of the National Medical Association – Dr. Holder works with nine local Florida Medical Societies to address health disparities and increase the viability of African American physicians. Since 2009, Dr. Holder has served as a faculty member at Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. Her focus is on teaching medical students about working in underserved communities and promoting diversity in the health professions through pipeline programs.

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Stephen Houser, MD is certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology, and earned a Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University and his doctorate of medicine from Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. He completed preliminary medicine internship at Christiana Hospital before completing an anesthesia residency at Harvard's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. After completing his residency Dr. Houser practiced in Pennsylvania for three years, then moved to North Carolina where he has been in private practice for the last 20 years. During this time, in addition to providing anesthesia, he took on many hospital leadership roles: including chief of anesthesia, vice-chief of surgery, medical staff president, and medical director. Also in this time, the intersection of between climate and health disparities became increasingly apparent to him and how it was affecting his patients. This inspired him to complete a National Medical Association Climate and Health Equity Fellowship. He now serves on his hospital's green team.



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Robert Kitchen, MD is a board-certified family physician who retired in April 2018 after thirty-nine years of practice. He most recently practiced with the Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group providing care for members of Kaiser Permanente in Northern Virginia. During his twenty-four years with MAPMG he cared for a panel of patients and also held administrative and leadership positions. Prior to this practice he served twenty years in the Air Force with both stateside and overseas assignments with the last six years being on the faculty of the Family Practice Residency at Andrews Air Force Base. Bob received his MD degree from Tulane University School of Medicine and his BS from the US Air Force Academy.



Admiral Rachel L. Levine, MD serves as the 17th Assistant Secretary for Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the head of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. She fights every day to improve the health and well-being of all Americans. She's working to help our nation overcome the COVID-19 pandemic and build a stronger foundation for a healthier future – one in which every American can attain their full health potential. ADM Levine's storied career, first, as a physician in academic medicine focused on the intersection between mental and physical health, treating children, adolescents, and young adults. Then as Pennsylvania's Physician General and later as Pennsylvania's Secretary of Health, she addressed COVID-19, the opioid crisis, behavioral health and other public health challenges.

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Andrew Lewandoski, MD is a community pediatrician and education co-chair for the Wisconsin Health Professionals for Climate Action. In those roles he partners with a multi-disciplinary coalition of organizations to educate others about the intersection between climate and health and to advocate for equitable climate change solutions. He is experienced at communicating about climate justice with patients and has published patient responses to his climate change counseling in the *Journal of Climate Change and Health*. He enjoys sharing his expertise with patients, healthcare leaders, policymakers, and the public, and he encourages practitioners to incorporate climate change into their counseling scripts.



Edward Maibach, MPH, PhD—a distinguished University Professor and Director of George Mason University Center for Climate Change Communication—is a public health communication scientist who focuses on climate change and related public health challenges. In 2020, Ed was awarded the Stephen Schneider Award for Outstanding Climate Science Communication, and Mason's top research honor—the Beck Family Presidential Medal of Excellence in Research and Scholarship, and in 2021 he was identified by Thompson Reuters as one of the world's 10 most influential scientists working on climate change. Ed previously served as Associate Director of the National Cancer Institute and Worldwide Director of Social Marketing at Porter Novelli, and is currently a Board Member of the Global Climate and Health Alliance.



Gina McCarthy is the first National Climate Advisor—the president's chief advisor on domestic climate policy—and leads the White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy focused on mobilizing a whole-of-government approach to tackling the climate crisis, creating good-paying, union jobs, and securing environmental justice. Previously, she served as 13th Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and then as President and CEO of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). One of the nation's most trusted and accomplished voices on climate issues, she has been at the forefront of environmental and public health progress in a variety of leading roles for over three decades. In her time leading the EPA, McCarthy oversaw successful efforts to reduce greenhouse gases, mitigate air pollution, conserve critical water sources, and safeguard vulnerable communities from chemical hazards. She spearheaded the Obama-Biden Administration's Clean Power Plan, which set America's first-ever national standards for lowering carbon emissions from power plants, and helped pave the way for the Paris Climate Agreement. Prior to her role with the NRDC, McCarthy was a professor at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and currently serves as chair of the board of directors of the Harvard Center for Climate, Health, and the Global Environment. Throughout her career, McCarthy has advised five administrations of both Democratic and Republican Massachusetts governors on environmental matters, and she served as Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection prior to being appointed by President Obama to head up the EPA's Air Office. As EPA administrator, she pursued innovative global collaborations with the United Nations and the World Health Organization, and on global efforts to address pollution. Born and raised in Boston, McCarthy graduated from the University of Massachusetts Boston and earned a master of science at Tufts University.



Mark Mitchell, MD, MPH, FACPM is a preventive medicine physician trained in environmental health and health policy, and has spent over twenty years working in the public health sector, including as Director of the Hartford, Connecticut Health Department. He spent 15 years working with environmental justice communities to prevent and reduce environmentally related disease as well as to change policies that are detrimental to environmental health. Dr. Mitchell co-chairs the NMA's Commission on Environmental Health, where he provides environmental health education and advocates on behalf of NMA. He has served on several EPA and FDA advisory committees and has received a number of awards for his community and environmental health leadership. Dr. Mitchell earned his medical degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and his Masters of Public Health from The Johns Hopkins University.

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Colin Nackerman, MA is a climate change strategist who works with nonprofits and communities to launch and scale programs that address climate change and the energy transition. In his role as Associate Director of Policy and Operations, he helps lead policy and advocacy activities related to the Consortium's Policy Action Agenda and other efforts at the federal and state level. He also supports the Operations Director in operations and development. Before rejoining the Consortium, he was the Grantee Manager with the Health and Climate Solutions program, managed a DOE SunShot program at The Solar Foundation, and supported advocacy at the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research. He continues to work part-time in research with Mason's Center for Ocean-Land-Atmosphere Studies and volunteers time for climate justice efforts. He received his B.A. in Environmental Policy from George Mason University and will soon earn an M.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies – Energy & Sustainability.



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Surili Patel is the Vice President of Metropolitan Group. Surili approaches health and the environment through thoughtful coalition building and innovative strategies that work to advance equity and improve access. With a profound public health and biomedical research background, she has led the climate and health discussion out of environmental circles and into the broader public health realm. Prior to joining the Metropolitan Group, Surili held a visionary leadership position at the American Public Health Association, where she drove strategic development to bridge the gap between public health practice and sound policies. As the director of the Center for Climate, Health and Equity, she inspired action by public health professionals and advanced policy agendas that address health at the nexus of climate and equity. As deputy director for the Center for Public Health Policy, she elevated the association's environmental health program to the national stage. Surili holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and a Master's of Science in biomedical science policy and advocacy from Georgetown University.



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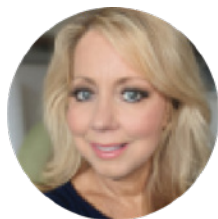


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Nick Seaver joined Burness in 2007 and has worked both domestically and internationally on issues including climate change, health policy, public health, biomedical research, and global health. He works to provide strategic advice and guidance, writing support and media relations work for a diverse group of organizations that include the Medical Society Consortium on Climate & Health, The Mayday Fund, the Aspen Institute's New Voices Fellowship, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Gene Editing Institute at ChristianaCare's Helen F. Graham Cancer Center & Research Institute. As co-director of Burness' training programs, Nick develops new curriculum, and designs and leads highly interactive in-person and virtual workshops and training sessions. He leads sessions focused on message development, working with media, storytelling, op-ed writing, effective presentations, and digital media strategy, among other topics. Nick leads workshops ranging from two hours to 3 days for nonprofit organizations, including the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, The Commonwealth Fund, the Gates Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and a range of partners working on health, science, and social justice issues. Nick is a 2007 graduate of the George Washington University's School of Media and Public Affairs and University Honors Program with a Bachelor of Arts in political communication.



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Linda I. Walden, MD, FAAFP is a practicing family physician for over 26 years, whose mission is being an advocate for health equity and justice and voice for the voiceless, in rural Southwest Georgia. Dr Walden was the first African American female chief of staff at Grady General Hospital in Cairo and the first female physician to establish a private practice. She is a visionary, mentor, catalyst and trailblazer and motivational speaker on local state and national levels. She has received numerous awards and honors including "Physician of the Year" by the National Medical Association and highest honor by Georgia State Medical Association, "The Distinguished Service Medallion" and Past President. Her medical practice has been awarded the Most Outstanding Rural Practice in GA by the GA Rural Health Association. She was honored to be selected as Inaugural Fellow of Climate & Health Equity Program by the Medical Consortium on Climate and Health in 2021. Dr. Walden published several op-eds, letters to the editor in GA and MS on climate change and its impact on our health, clean energy and racial inequities among Rural Electric Co-ops. In 2021 she was awarded the National Medical Association Region III "Phenomenal Woman in Medicine Award" for her exemplary leadership, outstanding contributions in health promotion and disease prevention to close the gap in health disparities among African Americans. She is Founder and Past President of the Jackie Robinson Cairo Memorial Institute. She was inducted in 2010 to the Southern Rural Black Women's Hall of Fame for Economic and Social Justice in Georgia.



Kimberly Williams, PhD is the program manager for the Medical Society Consortium's Climate and Health Equity Fellowship (CHEF) program, as well as the NMA liaison. She also works with our Georgia Clinicians for Climate Action group, the NMA southeast region, and the NMA Georgia chapter. For more than two decades, Kimberly has worked in support of health, equity, and diversity, including research, advocacy, and policy work at the state and national levels. In these roles, she is charged with weaving short- and long-term goals into organized plans, policy, and program implementation. Kimberly's work includes alliance-building with physicians, health care professionals, academicians, business leaders, legislators, and industry partners, to reach common objectives. Kimberly partners with for-profit and non-profit organizations to identify opportunities that amplify the importance of social and environmental justice, increase diversity in health care professions, and in support of health equity. Kimberly earned her PhD from Capella University in Organization and Management, her MA in Public Communications from The American University, and received her BA in Communications from George Washington University. With a focus on spiritual and mental wellness, Kimberly is a facilitator of Mental Health First Aid™ training and enjoys international travel.



Andrew Wishnia is the Deputy for Climate Policy in the Department of Transportation. Prior to his current position, he was a Senior Policy Advisor for Senator Tom Carper on the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. He worked on the Committee for 3 years, initially on detail from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Andrew served in multiple capacities at FHWA from 2010 to 2017, including as the Policy Advisor to the Federal Highway Administration Administrator, and in the FHWA Office of Safety and Office of Policy and Government Affairs. In his time working with the Committee on Environment and Public Works, Andrew co-wrote the Senate Democratic Blueprint released in 2017 and, most recently, America's Transportation Infrastructure Act (ATIA), which was reported out of EPW unanimously in July 2019. Previously, Andrew served in the White House as a Senior Program Manager at the Council on Environmental Quality, and in the U.S. House Representatives as a Legislative Assistant for Congressman John Yarmuth. Andrew is a lawyer by background and is originally from Louisville, Kentucky.

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Jessica Wolff, MBA, MSN is the U.S. Director of Climate and Health for Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) and Practice Greenhealth (PGH). She leads the climate team in developing strategies to engage and support the health care sector to leverage its political, economic, and ethical influence to address climate change and promote health and equity. Prior to her current position, Jessica was the Environmental Sustainability Advisor at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-H), where she worked to develop and drive the system's environmental sustainability program. Jessica worked as a women's health nurse practitioner and health center director for many years. In 2009, she returned for her MBA, focusing on strategy and sustainability, and then held positions at Waste Management in their recycling and sustainability services. She has a degree in Environmental Studies from Oberlin College, a Master's in Nursing from University of Pennsylvania, and an MBA from the Isenberg School of Management at University of Massachusetts Amherst.



Arthur Wyns is the Policy Manager of the Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA), Australia's peak body on climate and health. He consults for the World Health Organization (WHO) and is an associate editor for the Journal on Climate Change and Health. He holds an MSc in ecology, an MA in political philosophy, and is a certified expert in financing national climate plans.

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Climate and Health Program

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The mission of the Climate and Health Program at the University of Colorado is to further understanding of the impacts of climate change on human health and to be credible advocates of smart policy that addresses the climate crisis and advances human dignity in the same effort. We aspire to be *the home of climate medicine*.

Learn more about our [Diploma in Climate Medicine and our GME fellowship in Climate & Health Science Policy](#)>



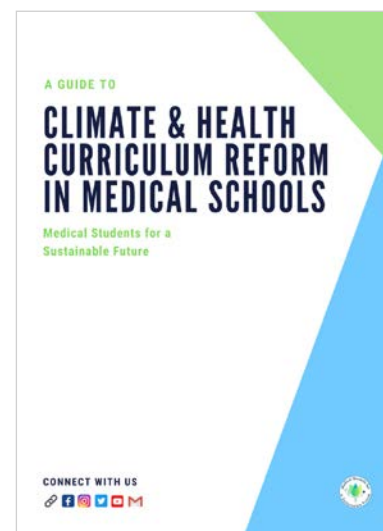
A Guide to Climate and Health Curriculum Reform in Medical Schools

This guide is part of an ongoing effort to integrate climate and health education in medical education and includes example syllabi, lesson materials, and proposals. We encourage everyone involved in medical education to take a look!

We encourage health students of any profession to join MS4SF!

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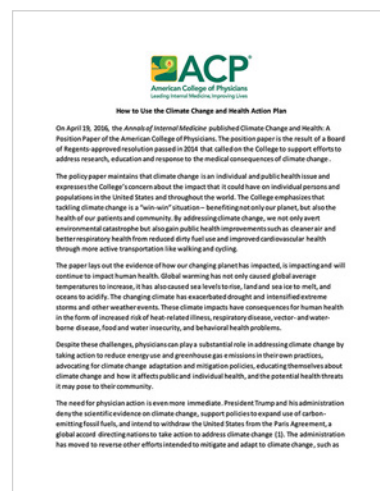
Climate Change and Health Playbook: Adaptation Planning for Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

APHA's Center for Climate, Health and Equity, with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, recently released the [Climate Change and Health Playbook: Adaptation Planning for Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](#). The Playbook is designed to support the work of state, local, territorial and tribal health services across the nation in embedding justice, equity, diversity and inclusion into their climate and resilience initiatives, programs and operations. The playbook is a supplement to CDC's Building Resilience Against Climate Effects Framework to amplify the incorporation of justice, equity, diversity and inclusion, or JEDI.



Advocacy Toolkit

The American College of Physicians is the largest medical specialty organization in the United States with members in more than 145 countries worldwide. ACP membership includes 163,000 internal medicine physicians (internists), related subspecialists, and medical students. Physicians can play a substantial role in addressing climate change. ACP has resources and information to help physicians learn about how climate change affects human health and what can be done to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in physician practices. You can find our [Advocacy Toolkit here>](#)



Report: Mental Health and Our Changing Climate

The American Psychological Association and ecoAmerica recently released *Mental Health and Our Changing Climate*, a report that chronicles the impacts of climate change on Americans' mental health and psychological well-being and provides guidance and resources to act and advocate.

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Citizens' Climate Lobby

Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) empowers everyday people to work within their communities and with their members of Congress on climate change solutions. Our nearly 200,000 supporters cover the political spectrum and are organized into 450 local chapters across the United States. Together, we've built broad support in Congress for climate solutions that will reduce America's carbon emissions and air pollution, including an economy-wide price on carbon. A price on carbon acts fast to reduce air pollution, projected to reduce SO₂ and mercury pollution by 95%, and NO_x by 75% in the first 10 years.

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OUCH Oncologists United for Climate & Health

OUCH is a group of oncology health professionals whose mission is to advance policies that mitigate the effects of climate change and fossil fuels on cancer incidence and outcomes. We advocate for these policies by engaging with policy-makers, professional societies, the public, and other stakeholders, to inform about the relationships between climate change and cancer, and to call for actions that eliminate reliance on fossil fuels and protect public health.

MIRAGLO foundation

In 2017, Miraglo Foundation along with UC San Diego and others, co-sponsored a Health and Climate Summit at the Vatican's Pontifical Academy of Science. Mimi Guarneri, MD was one of the presenters and attended the summit with Rauni Prittinen King RN, MIH, President of Miraglo Foundation. [Read the outcomes and find more resources here>](#)

AMWA American Medical Women's Association The Vision and Voice of Women in Medicine since 1915

AMWA membership is comprised of physicians, residents, medical students, pre-medical students, health care professionals, and supporters. AMWA is the oldest multispecialty organization dedicated to advancing women in medicine and improving women's health.

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Research!America is a non-profit medical and health research advocacy alliance. Together, with our [member organizations](#) that represent a vast array of medical, health and scientific fields, our goals are:

- Achieve funding for medical and health research from the public and private sectors at a level warranted by scientific opportunity and supported by public opinion.
- Better inform the public of the benefits of medical and health research and the institutions that perform research.
- Motivate the public to actively support medical and health research and the complementary sciences that make advances possible.
- Promote and empower civic engagement by individual members of the research community on behalf of medical and health research, public health, and science overall.

To find out more about the benefits of membership in the Research!America alliance, please [click here>](#)



For nearly 50 years, Trust for Public Land has worked with cities to help make vulnerable communities more equitable, livable, and resilient to the effects of climate change.

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From our partner, the International Federation of Social Work:

[Social Work Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability Volume 2](#)

This workbook, published by the International Federation of Social Work, highlights the work being done all over the world by social workers addressing issues at the nexus of community and environmental justice. This volume focuses on Indigenous voices and knowledge, ecotherapeutic practices, and the interdisciplinary nature of sustainability in social work. It is intended as a tool for international social work practitioners, students, and educators to help advance environmental sustainability.

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If you are participating in Congressional visits, you will conduct those visits via Zoom in the comfort of your own home. You will receive the timing, logistics, agenda & helpful content ahead of time. At the training we will cover essential information about meeting your members of Congress and how to adapt in-person meetings to virtual video meetings, but here are a few things to keep in mind:

PRACTICE GOOD ZOOM ETTIQUETTE. All of your meetings will be conducted via video and some of you will be joined by additional participants. Please plan to be in as quiet a space as you can and place yourself on mute if you are not speaking.

ARRIVE A FEW MINUTES BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED START TIME. You will be meeting via Zoom so it's a good idea, if possible, to sign into your meeting a few minutes ahead of the scheduled start time and immediately place yourself on mute. If you are running late, please send a quick note to the SOAPBOX help desk letting them know.

Tips for Meetings

CONNECT WITH YOUR FELLOW STATE PARTICIPANTS. There may be additional people from your state joining one or more of your meetings. Planning out the meeting ahead of time will ensure that all messages get across. You will have the opportunity to meet with the others from your state in practices rooms during the training session on Sunday afternoon. During the practice session, take a moment connect with each other and discuss roles during the congressional meetings – this is especially important if there are more than 2-3 people.

BE CLEAR, CONCISE, & COMPELLING. You may only get 10-15 minutes for the meeting, so try and be informative – and concise. Likewise, avoid acronyms and keep the language you use as basic and as non-technical as possible. If asked a question you don't know the answer to, offer to follow up. This will give you an opportunity to have another discussion with the staff member.

DEVELOP YOUR STORY. Take a few minutes before Monday to reflect on why you are taking part in these meetings. What have you experienced in your professional – or personal – capacity that motivates to engage in climate/health advocacy? The most effective message will be YOUR story.

TRY TO DEVELOP A RELATIONSHIP. Congressional staff does not necessarily hail from your district or state. These staffers – however young – are the gatekeepers to Members of Congress and can be instrumental to getting his/her support on issues you care about. They work long, hard hours on your behalf and work on many diverse issues.

BE FIRM AND FOCUSED. It is important to share your stories and put a personal face on the problem, but make sure you ask what you came to ask and get a commitment to act if possible.



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