

Anita Cunningham



Anita Cunningham is the Project Manager for the NC Disaster Survival and Resiliency School. She is a successful community organizer and empowerment motivator as she works alongside residents and civic leaders alike, supporting community organizing around the wood pellet issue in Robeson County with the Impacted Communities Against Wood Pellets Coalition.

Angelo Logan



Angelo Logan is the Policy and Campaign Director for the Moving Forward Network and co-founder of East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice. For 20 years, Angelo Logan has been advocating for his community and communities across the country impacted by industrial and transportation pollution. Angelo's life experience allows him to provide his perspective through an environmental justice and equity lens.

Angelo serves on the Harbor Community Benefit Foundation- *Board of Directors*, Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs- *Board of Directors*, and California EV Charging Infrastructure Strike Force- *Co-Chair*.

Beverly L. Wright, PhD



Dr. Beverly L. Wright is an environmental justice scholar, advocate, author, civic leader, professor of sociology, and the Founder and Executive Director of the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice (DSCEJ), the first-ever environmental justice center in the United States. Under the Biden administration, Dr. Wright was appointed to the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC), where she advises on how the federal government can address current and historic environmental injustices.

Born and raised in New Orleans, Dr. Wright has a lifetime of experiencing and witnessing the polluting effects of Cancer Alley—an 85-mile stretch of land between Baton Rouge and New Orleans that is home to over 150 petrochemical plants and refineries. Through decades of research and community organizing, she found the effects of polluting industries were only made worse by the absence of community input. She developed the “communiversity model”, a partnership between communities and universities that integrates community concerns and real-life experiences into research and policymaking for academic educators and researchers.

Under her guidance, DSCEJ has addressed environmental and health inequities along the Mississippi River and coastal regions of Louisiana while providing education, health and safety training, and job placement for residents in communities impacted by climate change. DSCEJ also developed the first-ever environmental justice map to show the connection between race and pollutants, which became the basis for how the EPA determined an environmental justice community to be eligible for funding.

Dr. Wright has extended DSCEJ's work to impact the environmental justice movement both nationally and internationally into organizing grassroots contingencies to participate in the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP since 1998. Alongside other environmental justice organizations, Dr. Wright debuted the first-ever [Climate Justice Pavilion](#) inside the Blue Zone at [COP27](#), the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference. The Pavilion brought together representatives from the Global South, the US Environmental Justice Movement, and indigenous peoples to spotlight the voices of communities disproportionately impacted by climate change.

In addition to serving on the WHEJAC, Dr. Wright also serves on the Board of Directors for the Greenfield Environmental Multistate Trust, City of New Orleans Communities LEAP US Department of Energy, Equitable and Just National Climate Platform, and more. A graduate of

Grambling College and the State University of New York at Buffalo, she is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards including the Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Award, EPA Environmental Justice Achievement Award, Rainbow PUSH Coalition Community Award, Ford Motor Company's Freedom's Sisters Award, Heinz Award, State University of New York at Buffalo Distinguished Alumni Award, Beta Kappa Chi Humanitarian Assistance Award, and the Conrad Arensberg Award. Additionally, she was also recognized by the Griots as one of its "100 History Makers in the Making" and received the SAGE Activist Scholar Award.

Carletta Tilousi



Carletta Tilousi currently serves in the tribal representative seat for the Coconino Regional Partnership Council. A life-long advocate for the protection of the Grand Canyon, Ms. Tilousi has worked for more than twenty-five years promoting social and environmental justice for the Havasupai Indian Tribe and indigenous people of the Grand Canyon. Born and raised in Supai Village located at the bottom of the

Grand Canyon, Ms. Tilousi and the Tribe have fought against the development of uranium mines on federal lands located within the watershed of Supai Village and next to the Tribe's sacred site Wii Giidwissa. Currently, Ms. Tilousi serves on the Havasupai Tribal Council and is the President of Red Rock Foundation, Inc., a Native American non-profit organization.

After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Justice Studies from Arizona State University (ASU) 2001, Ms. Tilousi returned to Supai Village and was elected immediately to serve on the Havasupai Tribal Council and has successfully served seven terms. While serving on the Tribal Council, Ms. Tilousi has confronted the major issues of the day by improving the legal and financial infrastructure of the Tribe to provide a better method to address societal and environmental threats. Supai Village is world-renowned for its dramatic and picturesque blue-green waterfalls, which are threatened by the uranium mines, and other man-made causes.

Ms. Tilousi serves as an ambassador for the Havasupai Tribe by presenting their environmental and justice issues to the world. Ms. Tilousi served as a delegate to the United Nations in Geneva Switzerland and has also presented the Havasupai uranium case at the World Uranium Hearings in Salzburg, Austria. Ms. Tilousi assisted the defeat of a proposed nuclear waste dump in Switzerland, which had direct ties to proposed mining activities in the Grand Canyon region. Tribal members, including Ms. Tilousi, and Tribal Council were also engaged in a protracted legal dispute with Arizona State University (ASU) over alleged improper human subject research conducted by the University officials against the Havasupai people. Resulted in a groundbreaking settlement.

"The work I do is for the future children of the Grand Canyon, and for all my ancestors who endured the hardships of life in a remote canyon, I am honored to tell our story".

Carlos Evans



Carlos Evans is the Director of the City of Dallas Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability. Mr. Evans is an environmental attorney with over two decades of experience negotiating complex environmental enforcement actions and developing environmental policies. Currently, he leads a team that works with federal, state, and local offices to advance the City's sustainability strategy and environmental performance, provides compliance advice and coordinates efforts to obtain environmental permits, oversees projects involving environmental impacts and site remediation, and provides support for capital projects and plant closures. Prior to joining the City of Dallas, Mr. Evans worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency where he negotiated and resolved environmental

enforcement actions involving all media, developed policies to advance environmental cleanup programs, and worked with the White House and other senior leadership to advance environmental justice, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, smart growth, and pollution reduction from freight transportation. Mr. Evans holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctor from the Howard University School of Law.

Catherine Coleman Flowers



Catherine Coleman Flowers is an internationally recognized environmental activist, MacArthur “genius” grant recipient and author. She has dedicated her life’s work to advocating for environmental justice, primarily equal access to clean water and functional sanitation for communities across the United States. Founder of the Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice (CREEJ), Flowers has spent her career promoting equal access to clean water, air, sanitation and soil to reduce health and economic disparities in marginalized, rural communities. Flowers sits on the Board of Directors for the Climate Reality Project, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the American Geophysical Union, as well as serving as a Practitioner in Residence position at

the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University. In 2021, her leadership and fervor in fighting for solutions to these issues led her to one of her most notable appointments yet — Vice Chair of the Biden Administration’s inaugural White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council. In 2023, she was recognized as one of TIME’s 100 Most Influential People in the world and was featured on *Forbes’* 50 Over 50 list.

As the author of *Waste: One Woman’s Fight Against America’s Dirty Secret*, Flowers shares her inspiring story of advocacy, from childhood to environmental justice champion. In the book, she discusses sanitation and its correlation with systemic class, racial, and geographic prejudice that affects people across the United States. She and her work have been profiled by CBS’s *60 Minutes*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, *PBS Newshour* and more.

Learn more at www.catherinecolemanflowers.com.

Donele Wilkins



Donele Wilkins is the Chief Executive Officer of the Green Door Initiative, a nonprofit organization promoting environmental justice in Michigan. For more than two decades, Donele has led local movements for environmental justice, played a key role in developing the Michigan's Environmental Justice Policy, launched a green jobs training program, advocated for citizen involvement in public policies and citizen science, and placed environmental stewardship on the agenda of community leaders and decision makers.

Harleen Marwah, MD



Harleen Marwah, MD MS, is a pediatrician in Boston and an Editorial Fellow at the New England Journal of Medicine. Her work has centered around the intersection of climate change and health for the last 10 years. She was the Founding Chair of Medical Students for a Sustainable Future (MS4SF), a community of 700+ medical trainees across 100+ medical schools working to combat the health harms of the climate crisis. She was selected as a [2021 Grist 50 Fixer](#) and earned the [2020 Health Care Without Harm Emerging Physician Leader Award](#) in recognition of her work founding and leading MS4SF. She has championed the inclusion of climate change content in medical education, and she has advocated for health at the United Nations COP20, COP21, and COP 28.

Dr. Marwah completed her residency in Pediatrics at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, earned her M.D. from the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, and earned her M.S. in Global Medicine and B.S. in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention from the University of Southern California.

Harold Mitchell Jr.



Harold Mitchell Jr. is the Executive Director-ReGenesis Community Development Corporation. The ReGenesis Project was founded in 1998 with initial efforts to assess and clean up the contaminated sites within the Spartanburg community as well as the Forest Park and Arkwright neighborhoods. ReGenesis Community Development Corporation was since founded and promotes equitable development for Spartanburg's most underrepresented communities. Throughout its existence, it has sent shockwaves through the American environmental justice world with its resounding success in achieving its goals. ReGenesis leveraged an initial \$20,000 EPA grant into over \$300 million in private and public investment. The revitalization plan's accomplishments include: the development of more than 500 affordable housing units, the establishment of ReGenesis Community Health Care, a healthcare system with seven locations,

the creation of a retail center, transportation improvements, the construction of a green recreational facility, and job training and career opportunities for community residents.

State Representative of South Carolina, House District 31 While serving as a Representative, from 2005 to 2017, many bills and legislation were passed in direct result of advocating for the Spartanburg Community.

Igalious Mills



Igalious Mills is the Executive Director for the International Farmers and Ranchers located in East Texas. Last year, Igalious was named as an Agriculture Trade Advisor to the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Trade Representative, making him one of 130 new private sector representatives to serve on seven agriculture trade advisory committees. He is the former Executive Director for the city of Port Arthur's Economic Development Corporation, and also previously served as a member of the USDA Minority Farmers Advisory Committee.

Jade Begay



Jade Begay, Diné and Tesuque Pueblo, is an Indigenous rights and climate policy expert and an impact strategist. Jade has partnered with Climate and Indigenous organizations and Tribal Nations from the Arctic to the Amazon to develop strategies and build campaigns and narratives to mobilize engagement and impact around issues like climate and environmental justice, racial justice, and advancing Indigenous power. In 2024, Jade launched The Agency, an environmental and climate justice strategy firm and is currently a research fellow with RISE, building data on how climate change impacts Native Americans. Jade serves on the board of Native Conservancy, Doc Society, Amazon Watch, and Evergreen Action. In the fall of 2024, Jade joined the Harris-Walz campaign as the National Native American

Engagement Director.

Jamaji Nwanaji-Enwerem, MD, PhD



Jamaji C. Nwanaji-Enwerem, MD, PhD, MPP, is a Health Equity Presidential Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He also serves as the Executive Director of EInd, a community environmental education/improvement organization.

Dr. Nwanaji-Enwerem graduated Phi Beta Kappa, Valedictorian from Morehouse College. He earned his PhD in the Harvard University

Biological Sciences in Public Health program, his Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.) from Harvard Kennedy School, and his MD from Harvard Medical School. He completed a postdoctoral research fellowship in Environmental Health Sciences at the University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health. He completed his residency in emergency medicine at Emory University School of Medicine and served as chief resident. He is a National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Research Service Award Principal Investigator and has served as a member of the White House Office of Public Engagement Roundtables on Clinical Innovation and Health Equity, the World Health Organization technical advisory group for the occupational burden of disease estimation, and the International Society of Exposure Science Board of Directors.

Dr. Nwanaji-Enwerem is the recipient of numerous honors including being named a National Minority Quality Forum 2021 40 Under 40 Leader in Health, a Blair and Georgia Sadler Fellow at Health Care Without Harm, a Schmidt Futures International Strategy Forum Fellow, a Paul & Daisy Soros New American Fellow, and an Agents of Change in Environmental Justice Fellow. He has authored several peer-reviewed publications and given many domestic/international lectures on his community work and research, which leverages molecular biomarkers to better understand how environmental exposures impact human aging and health, particularly for the underserved. His work further emphasizes the need for public policy solutions aimed at fostering greater health equity and environmental justice.

Jerome Foster II



Jerome Foster II is an environmental justice activist, social entrepreneur, and renowned public speaker. Jerome is the Founder and Executive Director of Waic Up, an international environmental and civic non-profit. He was a major leader of the School Strike for Climate Movement, holding weekly climate strikes outside the White House for over 80 weeks. Recognized as a modern history figure in the curricula of Cambridge University, Jerome has a long history of political advocacy. Growing up in Washington, DC, he began his journey at 14 by serving on the DC State Board of Education's Student Advisory Committee, where he worked to modernize high school graduation requirements. At 16, he

became one of the youngest-ever interns in Congress, serving as an intern for Civil Rights icon Congressman John Lewis.

At 18, he made history as the youngest person appointed to a White House Federal Advisory Committee in U.S. history as a member of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council. Jerome also has a background in software engineering, having run a virtual reality development company that was featured nationally on ABC, CBS, NBC, and FOX.

Jerome Foster II has also been recognized with numerous awards, including TIME Magazine's Next Generation Leader, United Nations Champion of the Earth Award, Business Insider Climate Action 30, *Grist* 50 Environmental Fixer Achievement and being named a Bloomberg Green Champion. Due to his bold, pioneering work, Jerome continuously collaborates with media outlets and has been featured by *Hulu*, *British Vogue*, *The Guardian*, BBC, *Forbes*, and *The Washington Post*.

Joanne Pérodin



Joanne Pérodin is the Senior Director of Climate Equity at the CLEO Institute in Florida. She is also a Ph.D. Candidate in Public Affairs at the J. Green School of International and Public Affairs at the Florida International University. Her professional experience encompasses a wide range of international and national projects aimed at building resilience systems and addressing climate-induced disasters such as extreme weather events. Her research interests lie at the intersection of public opinion and the politics of risk reduction, social equity, and systems thinking.

Juan Parras



Juan Parras has been organizing community voices for over forty years, beginning as a social worker with Harris County Welfare Office and later with City of Houston Section 8 Housing Department where he organized the workers at both offices to join the Union. Recognizing his unorthodox organizing efforts, he was recruited by AFSCME (American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees) as a project staffer. Organizing people to fight for better wages, benefits, and better working conditions in their working environments. Juan eventually was elevated to be an International Union Representative for AFSCME as an

International Union Representative until 1993 where his efforts reestablished MLK day in Arizona and Governor Evan Mecham of Arizona ended up getting impeached.

He then began working with the Louisiana Labor Neighbor Project, supported by the Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers Union (now known as PACE) initiative. There he assisted and organized the Community of Convent, Louisiana to fight the construction of Shintech in their predominantly community of color. This is now recognized as perhaps the first victory for EJ communities of color to defeat the construction of a chemical plant in their community. The uniqueness of this organization was the fact that it was primarily supported by OCAW. In 1995 Juan joined the ranks of Greenpeace USA in a longstanding battle and win against Shintech in Louisiana.

From 1995-2002 Juan began working at Texas Southern University at the newly formed Environmental Law and Justice Clinic where he dedicated his skills and expertise in community organizing until 2002. In 1995 he also began the long-standing battle against the construction of Cesar Chavez High School, where he, his wife Ana Parras, and his son Bryan formed Unidos Contra Environmental Racism, which was later renamed T.e.j.a.s (Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services).

From 2002-2006 Juan, concurrently was working as an EJ organizer for CLEAN (Citizens League for Environmental Action Now) formed by Jane Dale Owen, granddaughter to one of the founders of Humble Oil which became Exxon Mobile. Juan was also a member of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) in its early phase and has served on many other boards such as the Gulf Restoration Network, Coalition of Community Organizations (COCO), National Childhood Lead Prevention Program, and the Center for Health and Environmental

Justice (CHEJ). He is currently an Environmental Justice Ambassador for the Gulf of Mexico Alliance.

Juan received the CEC Synergy Award in 2008 and the Sealy Center for Environmental Health & Medicine HERO Award in 2009. Juan was also recognized as a recent recipient of the 2015 Robert Bullard Environmental Justice Champion Award from the Sierra Club. Juan Parras and his resolve for equity, justice and community resilience is the driving force behind the T.e.j.a.s. organization, founded in 2006, with over 40 years of organizing and work from social services to labor, to environmental justice, Juan Parras can attest to the empowering force behind marrying issues of intersectionality in environmental work for marginalized communities. Today, he is still highly active in addressing injustice, whether it is on the issue of employment discrimination, jobs, and or community concerns, both locally and nationally, and internationally.

Kim Havey



Kim Havey is a Sustainability and Environmental Justice consultant with Sustology, based in Minneapolis Minnesota. Kim most recently served as the Director of Sustainability for the City of Minneapolis. He was responsible for the development of the City's 10-year Climate Equity Plan and numerous policies and programs that elevate racial and environmental justice initiatives including local designation of the City's Environmental Justice communities known as Green Zones. A Green Zone is a place-based policy initiative aimed at improving health and supporting economic development using environmentally conscious efforts in communities that face the cumulative effects of

environmental pollution, as well as social, political, and economic vulnerability.

Kim joined the City of Minneapolis after working at the Minnesota Department of Commerce where he successfully led efforts to increase access to solar for low-income families through utility incentives and weatherization. He also led the development and implementation of new state solar policies and incentive programs that supported more than 4,000 solar installations resulting in 60 MWs of distributed solar.

Prior to that he co-founded Sustology, a Sustainability + Resilience consultancy firm. Kim acted as Chief Financial Officers and led its clean energy portfolio for nine years, developing more than 10 MWs of solar energy.

Education:

Kim earned a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Real Estate and Finance from the University of WI - Madison and a Master of Urban Planning from the University of MN – Humphrey Institute.

Accreditations and Affiliations

President Joe Biden appointee to the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC), US Green Building Council (USGBC) LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP), American Planning Association (APA) and American Institute of Planners (AICP), Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance (CNCA), Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN). Board member of the Minneapolis Homegrown Food Council and the Green Cities Accord (formerly known as Green Minneapolis).

Kyle Whyte, PhD



Kyle Whyte is a faculty member at the University of Michigan where he is George Willis Pack Professor in the School for Environment and Sustainability, University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor, and Professor of Philosophy in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. Kyle teaches in the SEAS environmental justice specialization. He is founding Faculty Director of the Tishman Center for Social Justice and the Environment, Faculty Co-Director of the Energy Equity Project, co-Principal Investigator of SEAS' Global Center for Understanding Climate Change Impacts on Transboundary Waters, Faculty Associate of Native American Studies, and Senior Fellow in the Michigan Society of Fellows. His research addresses environmental justice, focusing on moral and political issues concerning climate policy and Indigenous peoples, the ethics of cooperative relationships between Indigenous peoples and science organizations, and problems of Indigenous justice in public and academic

discussions of food sovereignty, environmental justice, and the Anthropocene. He is an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Kyle is currently a U.S. Science Envoy and serves on the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council and the National Academies' Resilient America Roundtable. He is Co-chair of the U.S. Geological Survey's Continental Biodiversity and Climate Change Assessment, a member of the Indigenous and Local Knowledge Task Force of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and has served as an author for the U.S. Global Change Research Program, including on the National Climate Assessment, and for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Working Group II. He is a former member of the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science in the U.S. Department of Interior and of two environmental justice work groups convened by past state governors of Michigan. He is President of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition and the Pesticide Action Network North America.

The National Science Foundation has been a major supporter of Kyle's research and educational projects for over a decade. Supporters also include the NorthLight Foundation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Builders Initiative, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Mellon Foundation, Joyce Foundation, Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development, Crown Family Foundation, Sustainable Michigan Endowed Program, Spencer Foundation,

Marsden Fund, and Health Research Council of New Zealand. Kyle's publications appear in journals such as Climatic Change, Weather, Climate & Society, Science, Daedalus, WIREs Climate Change, Environment & Planning E, Synthese, and Sustainability Science.

Kyle, along with 3 other leaders, is a member of the Christensen Fund's 2024 Indigenous Leadership Program. He is involved with number of organizations and Tribal nations that advance Indigenous research and education methodologies, including the Sustainable Development Institute of the College of Menominee Nation, the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society, the Center for Indigenous Peoples' Research and Development, the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe, the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, the Red Lake Nation, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, the Climate and Traditional Knowledges Workgroup, the Christensen Fund, and Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga New Zealand's Māori Centre of Research Excellence. He is a certificate holder of the Training Programme to Enhance the Conflict Prevention and Peacemaking Capacities of Indigenous Peoples' Representatives, from the United Nations Institute of Training and Research.

He has received the Breaking Barriers Award from the Michigan Democratic Party, the Superior Teaching Award from the Student Governing Board of the University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability, the Community Engagement Scholarship Award and Distinguished Partnership Award for Community Engaged Research from Michigan State University, the Bunyan Bryant Award for Academic Excellence from Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice, and the Forty Under 40 Alumni Award and Don Ihde Distinguished Alumni Award from Stony Brook University. Kyle has served as Austin J. Fagothey Distinguished Visiting Professor at Santa Clara University, Rudrick Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the University of Waterloo, Timnick Chair in the Humanities at Michigan State University, and Distinguished Visitor at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science.

LaTricea D. Adams



LaTricea D. Adams is a proud native of Memphis, Tennessee and is the Founder CEO & President of Young, Gifted & Green, a national environmental justice and civil rights organization with the purpose of bringing like minded organizations together to collectively take action and advocate against the crisis of lead exposure and environmental injustice in disadvantaged communities. Prior to Ms. Adams' environmental justice leadership, she served as a K-12 public educator for 16 years both in Tennessee and Washington, DC. LaTricea is the former President of both the Memphis Urban League Young Professionals and Thursday Network Greater Washington Urban League Young Professionals. She is a former member of the American Bar Association's Environmental Justice Task Force, the first ever and current Chair of the Shelby County Lead Prevention and Sustainability Commission, member of the

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation (TDEC) Water Infrastructure Advisory Committee, and TDEC and Shelby County's Emissions Reduction Planning Advisory Committee (ERPAC). Additionally, Ms. Adams serves as a member of the Board of Directors for Protect Our Aquifer. LaTricea is also a State Advisory Member for Climate Power and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. where she works diligently to be "supreme in service to all mankind."

Lloyd Dean



Lloyd H. Dean is Chief Executive Emeritus of CommonSpirit Health, one of the largest nonprofit health systems in the United States with more than 142 hospitals, 1,000+ care sites, 25,000 physicians and 150,000 employees across 21 states. Previously, Dean was President/CEO of California-based Catholic Healthcare West (2000-2012), which became Dignity Health (2012-2019) and served as President/CEO where he oversaw innovative partnerships that helped create more positive patient experiences, more efficient care, and healthier communities.

This approach helped lead to the creation of CommonSpirit Health, where he served as CEO from 2019-2022. After his retirement as CEO of CommonSpirit Health in August 2022 and in honor of Dean's lifelong dedication to the improvement of the quality of life for the most vulnerable, CommonSpirit Health established the Lloyd H. Dean Institute for Humankindness and Health Justice. The Institute celebrates Dean's legacy and focuses on health justice in action and in delivering quality equitable care to the people served by CommonSpirit's 21-state national footprint.

A transformational leader in health care, Dean has been steadfast in his commitment to eliminate health disparities across the country and has forged one-of-a kind educational partnerships with Morehouse School of Medicine, Creighton University, Charles Drew University and Baylor School of Medicine to shape the future workforce by recruiting, training and graduating a more diverse health care workforce.

In his storied career, Dean has led insightful and groundbreaking social programs and partnerships to address antiviolence, housing, human trafficking, and climate action that disproportionately affects systematically excluded communities.

Dean has counseled and served four of the last Presidential Administrations and as a trusted adviser was instrumental in the creation of the Affordable Care Act. He collaborated with nationwide health systems to partner with the Trump Administration and Biden Administration to promote and implement COVID-19 vaccinations.

He has been appointed to several federal and state committees charged with the economic development of California and was co-chair of the California Future Health Workforce Commission, which examined California's future demand for health care workers. Dean also co-chaired America Is All In, the most expansive coalition of leaders in support of climate action in the U.S.

As a nationally recognized business leader and sought after speaker, Dean has spoken at the World Economic Forum, Davos; CleanMed Conference; The Aspen Institute; UN Climate Change Conference, Glasgow and Bloomberg television.

Currently, Dean serves on the Board of McDonald's Corporation, is a member of its Board Governance Committee, and is Chair of its Board Human Resources & Compensation Committee.

He also serves on the boards of Golden Arrow Merger Corp.; Guidehouse, a worldwide consulting firm; Nox Health, a global sleep health leader and Progyny, a leading fertility benefits management company that combines science, technology and data along with clinical and emotional guidance. He is a strategic advisor to Bain Capital, a worldwide leading private equity firm

He has been appointed to New York's Commission on the Future of Health Care, an advisory body formed by Governor Kathy Hochul, which is composed of 13 select individuals. Dean is Chair of its Commission's Hospital Sub-Committee.

Dean holds a B.S. in sociology and a master's in educational leadership from Western Michigan University. He has received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the University of San Francisco; honorary Doctor of Science degree from Morehouse School of Medicine, and honorary Doctor of Science degree each from the Board of Trustees of the California State University and California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Maria Belen Power



Maria Belen Power grew up in Nicaragua in the aftermath of the revolution. She currently serves as the inaugural Undersecretary of Environmental Justice and Equity at the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs with the Healey-Driscoll Administration. She previously served the Associate Executive Director of GreenRoots, a community-based organization dedicated to improving and enhancing the urban environment

and public health in Chelsea. Power co-founded and oversaw the environmental justice campaigns of the organization. She lives in Chelsea, MA with her husband Fidel and two daughters, Maya Gabriela who is 10 years old and Ana Victoria who is 7 years old.

Maria Lopez-Nunez



Maria Lopez-Nunez is a power-builder, political strategist, and co-founder of Agency. A gladiator when fighting the political system, she brings about tangible results across clean energy, housing, democracy, and the environment for marginalized communities. Born in Honduras and raised in the Black and Brown communities of New York and New Jersey, she uses policy as a tool to create systematic change. Staunch in her belief that in order to win one must change the rules, she continues to enact meaningful legislation at the local, state, and federal level.

Maria played a vital role in the passage of the Environmental Justice Bill (EJ Bill; S232), the most powerful bill in the United States fighting the cumulative impacts of pollution. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Maria led the Compassionate New Jersey Coalition in halting evictions and foreclosures, all while funneling a combined \$1.25 billion in utilities and rental assistance throughout the state. She launched the “Stop dumping on Newark,” campaign, blocking construction of a sludge processing plant and the fourth power plant in the city. She helped pass the strongest Civilian Review Board in the country, fighting the police union all the way to the New Jersey Supreme Court. When the EPA failed to assess incinerator rules for 16 years, Maria joined the fight to sue under the Clean Air Act—opening the gateway to shut down hazardous incinerators nationwide.

In 2021, President Biden appointed Maria to the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC). She proudly serves on the boards of the Climate Justice Alliance and the Civic Consortium and is a recipient of the New Jersey’s Governor’s 2020 Environmental Excellence Award. She has advised the Climate Equity Committee of the Clean Air Task Force, Frontline Justice Fund, Clean Energy States Alliance Equity Advisory, Solidaire Movement Infrastructure Fund, Building Equity and Alignment for Impact Initiative and is Tishman Environment and Design Center Movement Fellowship Alumni.

Her work is documented in *The Sacrifice Zone*, winning the Eric Moe Award for Best Short on Sustainability at the Environmental Film Festival. She is a go-to for political journalists on the policy beat and has been featured in (among others) the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Politico*, *Washington Post*, and *InsideClimate*. You will often find her hiking, kayaking, or finishing puzzles—often while on work calls.

Michael Walton



Michael Walton serves as a partner of Energy Transition Finance, a boutique advisory firm guiding the most innovative clean technology projects through the process of securing loan guarantees from the US Department of Energy's Loan Programs Office. Michael has spent 20 years helping businesses and communities improve their environmental, financial, and social sustainability through his executive leadership, strategic planning, facilitation, sustainable design, due diligence, and trust building. Michael is also partner with Emerald Operating Partners, a global advisory firm helping clean energy developers, corporations, private equity firms, and investors confidently navigate the energy transition.

Michele L. Roberts

For over 25 years, **Michele Roberts** has provided capacity support, organizing, and technical assistance on the connections between chemicals management, oil and gas extraction, energy systems, and toxics exposure and legacy. All of which now have a monumental legacy impact on the global climate crisis. She supports communities in their efforts to make connections regarding the impacts of toxins on human health and the environment. She also is a spoken word artist, who created Arts Slam @ SsAMS, a community-based arts program created to advance social justice. She proclaims herself a proud graduate of the Historically Black College and University family, with a Master of Arts degree (2000) from the University of Delaware, Urban Affairs and Public Policy Legal Assistant Certificate (1995) from the University of Delaware, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology (1983) from Morgan State University.



Prior to advocacy, Michele was an environmental scientist for state and local governments. She has firsthand experience with local responses to chemical hazards and releases, and hails from Wilmington, Delaware where she continues to provide support to local organizing, in addition to being a leader in the local to national environmental and economic justice movement.

Michele resides in Washington, DC where she is the National Co-Coordinator of the Environmental Justice Health Alliance for Chemical Policy Reform (EJHA). EJHA is a national network of grassroots Environmental and Economic Justice organizations and advocates in communities that are disproportionately impacted by toxic chemicals from legacy contamination, ongoing exposure to polluting facilities and health-harming chemicals in household products. EJHA supports a just transition towards safer chemicals and a pollution-free economy that leaves no community or worker behind. The EJHA network model features leadership of, by, and for Environmental Justice groups with support from additional allied groups and individual experts. EJHA is in strategic partnership with Coming Clean. Learn more at EJ4all.org

Michele is co-author of *Who's in Danger: Race, Poverty and Chemical Disasters* and *Life at the Fenceline: Understanding Cumulative Health Hazards in Environmental Justice Communities*, demographic analyses of vulnerability zones surrounding Risk Management Plan facilities. She is one of the lead organizers responsible for President Barak Obama's Executive Order and final rule on Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security, and current federal policy vehicles for environmental justice and climate justice. She is a co-founder of the Campaign for Healthier Solutions which has compelled two of the biggest dollar store chains in the country to adopt their first ever safer chemicals policies. She is co-author of *Day Late and a Dollar Short: How*

Discount Retailers are Falling Behind on Safer Chemicals. Michele continues to co-lead CHS, providing ongoing strategic planning and organizing capacity. Michele currently serves on the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC) under the Biden Administration. Michele has co-authored numerous other analyses, reports, commentaries, has been published countless times in the press for her work, and is the environmental justice and environmental producer on Washington, DC's Pacifica radio's weekly 89.3FM, The On the Ground Show: Voices of Resistance.

Miya Yoshitani



Miya Yoshitani is the Senior Strategist of the Asian Pacific Environmental Network, APEN. She has an extensive background in community organizing, and a long history of working in the environmental justice movement. APEN has been fighting – and winning – environmental justice struggles for the past 25 years and remains one of the most unique organizations in the country explicitly developing the leadership and power of low-income Asian American and Pacific

Islander immigrant and refugee communities.

Through many years of leadership, Miya has supported APEN's growth and expansion from a powerful local organization in the Bay Area, to having a statewide impact through an integrated API voter engagement strategy, a statewide Asian Pacific American Climate Coalition, and winning transformational state policy for equitable climate solutions and transitioning the state to a clean energy economy for all Californians. A movement leader in many key local, state, and national alliances, APEN is helping to shift the center of gravity of what is possible when the health and economic wellbeing of working families, immigrant and communities of color are put at the center of solutions to the economic and climate crises. Miya has been Executive Director since November 2013 and proudly supports APEN to be a leading force for climate justice for all communities.

Nicky Sheats, PhD, JD



Dr. Nicky Sheats, Esq., is the Director of the Center for the Urban Environment of the John S. Watson Institute for Urban Policy and Research at Kean University. The primary mission of the Center is providing support for the environmental justice (EJ) community. He works on issues that include air pollution, climate change, cumulative impacts, developing EJ legal strategies and increasing the working capacity of the EJ community.

Sheats was a founding member of the New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance, Environmental Justice Leadership Forum, Environmental Justice and Science Initiative and an informal Northeast Environmental Justice Attorneys Group. He has been appointed to the New Jersey Clean Air Council, EPA's Clean Air Act Advisory Committee, and National Environmental Justice

Advisory Council, and is currently serving on the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council. Sheats was also a co-author of the human health chapter of the 2014 National Climate Assessment.

In addition, he was a public interest attorney, serving as a law clerk for the Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (the local Court); a landlord-tenant and housing attorney at Camden Regional Legal Services; a public defender in New Brunswick, New Jersey; and a legal instructor at a law oriented college preparatory program in Harlem. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University and earned a Ph.D. in Earth and Planetary Sciences, J.D. and Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.) from Harvard University. He is also a Senior Policy Fellow and Lecturer at the School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, affiliate of the Center for Policy Research on Energy and the Environment.

Peggy Shepard



Peggy Shepard is Co-Founder and Executive Director of WE ACT for Environmental Justice and has a long history of organizing and engaging Northern Manhattan residents in community-based planning and campaigns to address environmental protection and environmental health policy locally and nationally. She has successfully combined grassroots organizing, environmental advocacy, and environmental health community-based participatory research to become a national leader in advancing environmental policy and the perspective of environmental justice in urban communities — to ensure that the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment extends to all.

She has been named Co-Chair of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council and was the first female chair of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She also serves on the Executive Committee of the National Black Environmental Justice Network and the Board of Advisors of the Columbia Mailman School of Public Health. Her work has received broad recognition: the Jane Jacobs Medal from the Rockefeller Foundation for Lifetime Achievement, the 10th Annual Heinz Award for the Environment, the Dean's Distinguished Service Award from the Columbia Mailman School of Public Health, and Honorary Doctorates from Smith College and Lawrence University.

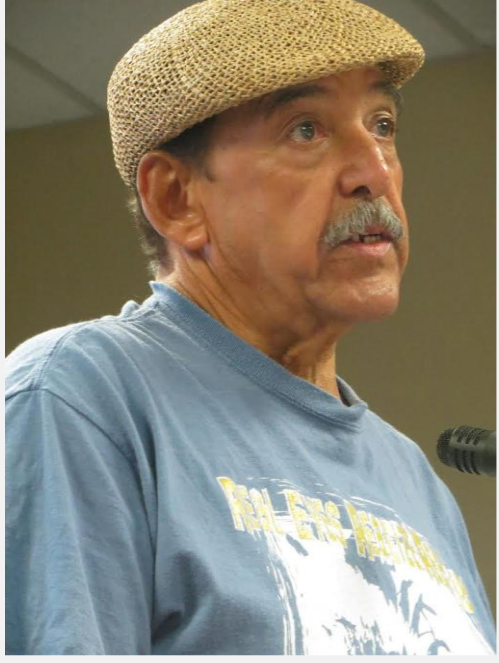
Rachel Morello-Frosch, PhD



Rachel Morello-Frosch is Professor in School of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management at the University of California, Berkeley. Her research examines structural determinants of community environmental health with a focus on social inequality, racism and their associated psychosocial stressors and how these factors interact with multiple environmental hazard exposures to produce health inequalities.

Her work explores this environmental justice question in the context of environmental chemicals, climate change, air pollution, and effects on perinatal, maternal and children's health, often using community-based participatory research methods. In collaboration with communities and scientists, she has developed science-policy tools to assess cumulative impacts of chemical and non-chemical stressors to improve regulatory decision-making and advance environmental justice. This includes [California's Drinking Water Tool](#), [Toxic Tides](#), and the Environmental Justice Screening Method, which served as a foundation for Cal-EPA's [CalEnviroScreen](#), to identify vulnerable communities that are disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution and social stressors and require enhanced regulatory attention. Morello-Frosch is serving the [National Academies Committee on State-of-the-Science and the Future of Cumulative Impact Assessment](#)."

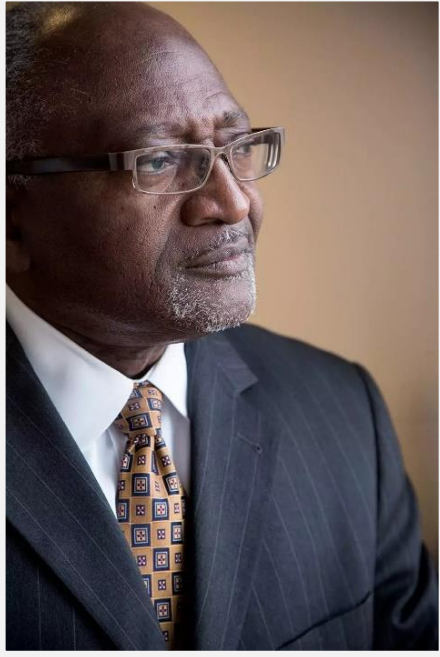
Richard Moore



Richard Moore is the Co-Director of Los Jardines Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico and National Co-Coordinator of the Environmental Justice & Health Alliance for Chemical Policy Reform (EJHA). He currently also serves as Co-Chair of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC). Richard served as the Executive Director of Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice (SNEEJ), in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from 1993 to 2010. He came to Southwest Network after 12 years with the Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP) where he was the lead organizer and primary trainer of SWOP's organizing model. In 2010 Richard transitioned from Director of SNEEJ to Senior Advisor. Los Jardines Institute is an affiliate member of EJHA through this alliance Los Jardines advocates for stronger, safer and more just environmental, economic and chemical policies.

As a widely respected national leader in the area of environmental justice, Richard has served on numerous government and nongovernmental committees and panels, including the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council, the National Council of Churches EcoJustice Task Force, and the Congressional Black Caucus National Environmental Policy Commission.

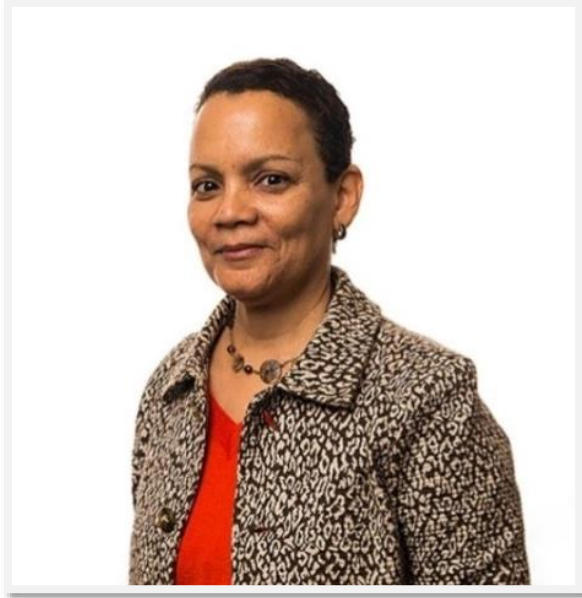
Robert D. Bullard, PhD



Dr. Robert D. Bullard is distinguished professor of urban planning and environmental policy at Texas Southern University in Houston. He received his Ph.D. degree from Iowa State University. Bullard is often called the “father of environmental justice.” Professor Bullard is co-founder of the HBCU Climate Change Consortium and the National Black Environmental Justice Network. Dr. Bullard is the author of 18 books. His *Dumping in Dixie: Race, Class and Environmental Quality* introduced many readers to the field of environmental justice. His latest book is *The Wrong Complexion for Protection: How the Government Response to Disaster Endangers African American Communities* (2012). In 2008, *Newsweek* named him one of “13 Environmental Leaders of the Century.” In 2019, *Apolitical* named him one of the world’s 100 Most Influential People in Climate Policy, and *Climate One* presented him with the Stephen H. Schneider Award for Outstanding Climate Science Communication. In 2020,

WebMD gave him its Health Heroes Trailblazer Award and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) honored him with its Champions of the Earth Lifetime Leadership Award. And in 2021, he was appointed to the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

Ruth Santiago, JD



Ruth Santiago is a resident of the municipality of Salinas in southeastern Puerto Rico where she has worked with community and environmental groups, fisher's associations and other organizations for over thirty years on projects ranging from a community newspaper, children's services, a community school, ecotourism projects to rooftop solar energy pilot projects. Ruth has been involved in the establishment of broad alliances to prevent water pollution from landfills, power plant emissions and discharges and coal combustion residual waste. She is part of a civil society initiative to promote community-based solar projects and energy democracy called "We

Want Sun".

In addition to litigation in courts and administrative agencies, Ruth has co-organized environmental education projects, advised the Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve on watershed protection and land use issues. Most recently, Ruth has worked on cases related to energy projects and integrated resource plans. Ms. Santiago earned degrees from Lehigh University and Columbia Law School and has published articles on energy issues in Puerto Rico.

Susana Almanza



Susana Almanza – Bio Susana Almanza is a founding member and Director of PODER (People Organized in Defense of Earth and her Resources), a grassroots environmental, economic, and social justice organization. Susana has over 50 years of working and advocating for social justice. She is a long-time human right activist and a proven leader, recognized locally and nationally. Susana is an indigenous person of the continent of America and resides in East Austin, Texas. Susana participated in the civil rights movement as a Brown Beret taking up issues of police brutality, housing, quality education and equity in school systems and health care as a right not a privilege. Susana is a model of civic engagement; Almanza has spent her life organizing for the advancement of the underprivileged in the neighborhoods of East Austin and beyond.

Susana served on the City of Austin’s Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Board, Environmental Board, and the Community Development Commission. Susana continues her struggle for human rights demanding environmental justice and a better quality of life for people of color, all humanity and for future generations. Susana has received over 15 awards, recognizing her environmental justice contributions and accomplishments. Her publications include numerous articles on race, gender, ethnicity, and community empowerment.

Susan Hendershot



Reverend Susan Hendershot is the president of Interfaith Power & Light, an organization with a mission to inspire and mobilize people of faith and conscience to take bold and just action on climate change. Rev. Hendershot's other experience includes serving on the Steering Committee of the National Environmental Network, United Nations Environment Program's Faith for Earth Coalition Interfaith Women Council, and Climate Action Task Force of the Parliament of the World's Religions.

Tanner Yess



Tanner Yess' parents raised him while putting themselves through school. He grew up paddling, biking, and hiking. After earning a degree in ecology, he worked on a fishing vessel in the Bering Sea. His Peace Corps service involved resource management and eco-tourism. During graduate school, Tanner helped form Cincinnati's Tri-State Trails Coalition. He is a National Park Service Mountains to Main Street Ambassador; SHIFT Emerging Leader; recipient of the 2018 Murie Center Rising Leader Award and a newly appointed member of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council by President Biden. As a co-founder of Groundwork Ohio River Valley, and Groundwork USA's Chief Youth and Workforce Officer, Tanner has led the creation of one of the nation's largest youth green workforce programs and brought Climate Safe Neighborhoods to Cincinnati. Yess' passion is creating new pathways for diverse youth to

access green careers.

Tom Cormons, JD



Tom Cormons has served as Executive Director at Appalachian Voices since 2013. The organization has expanded under his leadership to include a major emphasis on solutions — advancing clean energy and sustainable economies by working successfully to transform federal, state, and local policy while simultaneously driving on-the-ground project implementation — plus winning campaigns to oppose new gas infrastructure and address the legacy impacts of coal. Appointed by President Biden in 2021, Tom is an inaugural White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council Member.

Tom received his J.D. from U.C.L.A. and a B.A. in political and social thought from the University of Virginia. His previous experience includes serving as Virginia Director and Deputy Director of Programs for Appalachian Voices, clerkships with the Southern Environmental Law Center

and the U.S. Department of Justice and researching endangered terns in South America.

Tom lives in Charlottesville, Virginia, with his wife, Heather, whom he met while working as a whitewater and climbing guide in West Virginia, and their three children.

Tye Baker



Tye Baker serves as Senior Director of Environmental Protection Services of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. As a Member of the Choctaw Nation, Tye has utilized his background and expertise to lead many important environmental projects for the Choctaw Nation. He now leads all departments related to environmental protection for the Choctaw Nation, including water, land, air, recycling, and all efforts to preserve the rich heritage of Choctaw Nation's natural resources.

Vi Waghiyi



Vi Waghiyi is a Sivuqaq Yupik grandmother who was born in Savoonga, Alaska. She was hired in 2002 to work in Anchorage to assist on the Sivuqaq (also known as St. Lawrence Island) Protecting Future Generations project and is now the Environmental Health and Justice Program Director. Vi is motivated by her desire to protect current and future generations from environmental contamination and its associated health harms. She is a proponent of community-based participatory research and promotes the value of Indigenous environmental knowledge.

In 2010, she was awarded the Environmental Achievement Award in Recognition of Valuable Contributions to Environmental Excellence in Alaska by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. In 2012, leaders of Savoonga presented Vi a certificate of appreciation “for the dedication and devoted service as an Ambassador of St. Lawrence Island for protecting

our health and human rights. She served as a National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council member to the National Institute of Health. Vi was appointed (invited) to serve on the Biden Administration White House Environmental Justice Advocacy Council. Vi is sought out repeatedly to speak at national and international meetings for her advocacy work which focuses on environmental health and justice for her people on Sivuqaq and other Arctic Indigenous Peoples throughout the globe.