
MINORITY ALTERNATIVE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSORTIUM FORUM

Day 1 – Wednesday, April 27, 2011

(Grand Ballroom – B Level)

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Minority Alternative and Renewable Energy Consortium Forum Kick Off**

Melody Bell, *Senior Advisor to the Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy, Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer, U.S. Department of Energy* and
John Rosenthal, *President, Urban Technologies, Inc.*

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Introduction: **Nicholas Alexander, PhD**, *Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Department of Commerce and Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Science and Technology Policy*

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Luncheon Keynote Speaker:
Congressman G. K. Butterfield**
(Democrat, North Carolina)

Introduction: **Melody Bell**, *Senior Advisor to the Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy, Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer, U.S. Department of Energy*

Alternative and Renewable Energy Panel

Moderator: **Melody Bell**, *Senior Advisor to the Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy, Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer, U.S. Department of Energy*

- **James Johnson, PhD**, *Professor and Dean Emeritus, College of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Sciences, Howard University*
 - **Rachel Tronstein**, *Clean Energy Advisor, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy*
 - **Mary Spruill**, *Executive Director, National Energy Education Development Project (NEED)*
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1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Break**

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Barriers to Participation Panel Discussion

Facilitator: **John Rosenthal**, *President, Urban Technologies, Inc.*

- **Gina Beckles**, *Program Evaluation Services, Inc.*
- **Cynthia Warrick**, *Elizabeth City State University*
- **Carletta Waddler**, *Sustainable Training Services, LLC*

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities Alternative and Renewable Energy Interests and Capabilities

Facilitator: **Lonnie Sharpe, Jr., PhD**, *Dean, College of Engineering, Tennessee State University*

- **Jason deKoff**, *Tennessee State University*
- **Tarik Dickens**, *Florida A&M University*
- **Clifford Louime**, *Florida A&M University*
- **Tagana Boozer**, *Florida A&M University*
- **Dwight Martin**, *Tennessee State University*
- **George Miller III**, *Clafin University*
- **Paul Reeves**, *Langston University*
- **Abolghasem Shahbazi**, *North Carolina A&T University*
- **Sandra Bowie**, *Tougaloo College*
- **Seong Lee**, *Morgan State University*
- **Sukesh Aghara**, *Prairie View A&M University*
- **James Johnson, PhD**, *Howard University*



Building the Clean Energy Economy with Equity

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Potential Collaborators Panel

Facilitator: **John Rosenthal**, *President, Urban Technologies, Inc.*

- **Yvette Dalton-McCoy**, *Tufts University*
- **Alfred Mathewson**, *New Mexico State University*
- **Alvin Holder**, *University of Southern Mississippi*
- **George Roe**, *Boeing*
- **Beverly Malloy**, *The Malloy Group*
- **Felicia Davis**, *United Negro College Fund*
- **Nicholas Bassey**, *United Negro College Fund Special Programs*
- **Eric Wilson**, *mCapitol Management*
- **Aisha Bigbee**, *George Mason University*

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Federal Response Panel

Facilitator: **Bill Valdez**, *Acting Director, Office of Diversity Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*

- **Bill Hagy**, *U.S. Department of Agriculture*
 - **Cynthia Anderson**, *U.S. Department of Energy*
 - **Kevin Greenaugh**, *U.S. Department of Energy*
 - **Tania Smith**, *U.S. Department of Energy*
 - **Thomas Johnson, Jr.**, *U.S. Department of Energy*
 - **Dru Ealons**, *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
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THE STATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN AMERICA 2011 CONFERENCE

Day 1 – Wednesday, April 27, 2011

(Grand Ballroom – B Level)

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The State of Environmental Justice in America 2011 Conference Kick Off

Grand Opening and Reception

Keynote Speaker: Mathy Stanislaus

*Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste
and Emergency Response, U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency*

Topic: **Engaging Communities in the Gulf Coast
and Across America**

Roundtable Discussion: “Environmental Justice and Lessons Learned from the Gulf Coast Oil Spill”

Moderators: **Lessie Price**, *Manager, Government
Operations, URS, Inc.*, and

Timothy Fields, *Senior Vice President, MDB, Inc.*

- **Mathy Stanislaus**, *Assistant Administrator,
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response,
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
 - **Sharon Beard**, *Industrial Hygienist, Worker
Education and Training Program, National Institute
of Environmental Health Sciences*
 - **Sue Briggum**, *Vice President, Federal Public Affairs,
Waste Management*
 - **Ray Dempsey**, *Vice President, Government and
Public Affairs, BP*
 - **Latosha Brown**, *Gulf Coast Fund*
 - **Madeline Roanhorse**, *Department Manager III,
Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation/Uranium Mill
Tailings Remedial Action, The Navajo Nation*
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Reception: Tribute to Hazel Johnson

Presenter: **Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., PhD**, *President,
Education Online Services Corporation*



Building the Clean Energy Economy with Equity

Day 2 – Thursday, April 28, 2011

FIRST FULL DAY OF THE STATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN AMERICA 2011 CONFERENCE

(Grand Ballroom – B Level)

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Registration**

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Opening Remarks: Melvin G. Williams, Jr.**
Associate Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
Introduction: **Melinda Downing**, *Environmental Justice Program Manager, U.S. Department of Energy*

Keynote Speaker: Thomas Vilsack
Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Introduction: **Melvin G. Williams, Jr.**, *Associate Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy*

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Plenary Speaker: Laura Turner Seydel**
Environmental Advocate/Eco-Living Expert
Introduction and Discussion Facilitator: **James Johnson, PhD**, *Professor and Dean Emeritus, Colleges of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Sciences, Howard University*

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Worker Training Initiatives**
Moderator: **Sharon Beard**, *Industrial Hygienist, Worker Education and Training Program, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences*

- **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/Savannah River Site Superfund Jobs Training Initiative**
 - **Rob Pope**, *Senior Remedial Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
- **Impact of Hazardous Waste Worker Training Programs on Environmental Justice and Green Jobs**
 - **Tim Fields**, *Senior Vice President, MDB, Inc.*

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Environmental Justice Interagency Working Group Monthly Meeting** (Members Only) (Salon 1)
Sherri White, *Special Assistant to the Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Environmental Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Break**

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

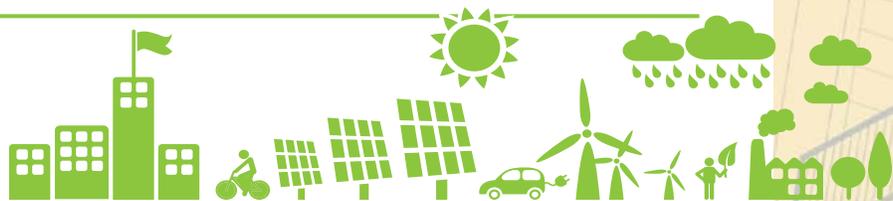
1) Renewable Energy & New Technologies
(Salon 2)

- **New Options in Converting Waste into Green Energy**
 - **Susan Robinson**, *Public Affairs Director, Waste Management*
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service & Bureau of Land Management Working with Rural Communities and Tribes to Provide Renewable Energy**
 - **Edmund A. Gee**, *National Woody Biomass Utilization Team Leader and National Partnership Coordinator, U.S. Forest Service, Forest and Rangeland, National Forest System, U.S. Department of Agriculture*
 - **Faline Haven**, *Office of Tribal Relations, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture*
 - **McKinley-Ben Miller**, *Biomass Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of Interior*

2) Social Justice (Salon 3)

- **Social Vulnerability to Climate Change Impacts: Engaging Underserved Communities**
 - **David Cleaves**, *Climate Change Advisor, Office of the Chief, Forest Service, USDA*
 - **Gina Wood**, *Director, Office of Policy and Planning, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies*
- **Setting the Agenda, Creating Change: Urban Habitat's Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute**
 - **Laurie Neighbors**, *Director, Education and Coalition Building, Urban Habitat*
 - **Joshua Arce**, *Executive Director, Brightline Defense Project*
 - **Utuma Belfrey**, *Member, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Board Member, San Francisco Hunters Point Shipyard Citizens' Advisory Committee*

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(Grand Ballroom – B Level)

12:30 p.m. – 1: 45 p.m.

Luncheon Plenary Speaker:
Congressman James Clyburn
(Democrat, South Carolina)

Introduction: **Robert Stanton**, *Senior Advisor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior*

Special Presentation: Teresa S. Middleton
Principal, The Miracle Academy Preparatory School

Nancy Sudley, *Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality*

Introduction: **Lessie Price**, *Manager, Government Operations, URS, Inc.*

1: 45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Break

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Plenary Speaker: Ignacia Moreno, *Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice*

Introduction: **Quentin Pair, Esq.**, *Trial Attorney/ Environmental Justice Coordinator, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice*

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Environmental Justice Points of Contacts Face-to-Face Workshop (Members Only) **(London II)**

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

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

1) Energy Sources & Tribal Matters (Salon 1)

– Renewable Energy Development on Reservations

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

- **Winter Jojola-Talburt**, *Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, U.S. Department of the Interior*
- **Roger Knight**, *Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, U.S. Department of the Interior*
- **Bambi Krause**, *Director of the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation*
- **Younes Masiky**, *Tribal Energy Program Specialist, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy*

– Tribal Consultation and Environmental Justice

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

- **Ethan Shenkman**, *Deputy Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice*
- **Paul Tsoie**, *Chief of Staff, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior*
- **Pilar Thomas**, *Deputy Director for Policy, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*
- **Jeff Besougloff**, *Associate Director of American Indian Environmental Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

2) Health Disparities Panel Discussion (Salon 2)

– Differential System-Based Models Implicating Causal Relationships Between SES Variables and Environmental Health Risks

- **Darryl Hood, PhD**, *Professor, Department of Neuroscience and Pharmacology Initiative for Environmental-Health Disparities and Medicine Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience, Meharry Medical College and Department of Pharmacology, The Brain Institute, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine*



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2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions (continued)

2) Health Disparities Panel Discussion (Salon 2)

- **Assessing Later-Life Behavioral Phenotypes in Response to Prenatal Exposure to Benzopyrene**
 - **Monique M. McCallister**, *Doctoral Candidate, Meharry Medical College*
 - **Prenatal B(a)P-Exposure Dysregulates the Developing Cardiovascular System in Offspring Rodents**
 - **George Jules**, *Doctoral Candidate, Meharry Medical College*
 - **Prenatal PAH Exposure Leads to Behavioral Deficits and Down Regulation of MET, an Autism Risk Gene**
 - **Raina E. Rhoades**, *Graduate Student, The Brain Institute, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine*
 - **Prenatal Exposure to B(a)P Alters Lipid Raft Homeostasis Resulting in a Predisposition to Immune Suppression**
 - **Ryan Clark**, *Graduate Student, Meharry Medical College*
 - **An Environmental Justice Challenge for the New Decade: Training and Development for Rural Minority Farmers and Urban Populations in Ownership and Management for Alternative Energy Production**
 - **Paul Reeves**, *Project Manager for a Megawatt Wind Project, Langston University*
 - **David J. Stephens**, *President, InterGlobal Services, Inc.*
 - **Darryl B. Hood, PhD**, *Professor, Department of Neuroscience and Pharmacology Initiative for Environmental-Health Disparities and Medicine Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience, Meharry Medical College and Department of Pharmacology, The Brain Institute, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine*
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2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions (continued)

3) EJ Web-Based Tools (Salon 3)

- **The Environmental Justice Community Information Website**
 - **David Padgett, PhD**, Associate Professor of Geography and Director of the Geographic Information Sciences Laboratory, Tennessee State University
- **The Renewables: A Multi-Platform Marketing and Education Program for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency**
 - **Brian Keane**, President, Smart Power, Inc.

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Transportation Research Panel (Salon 1)

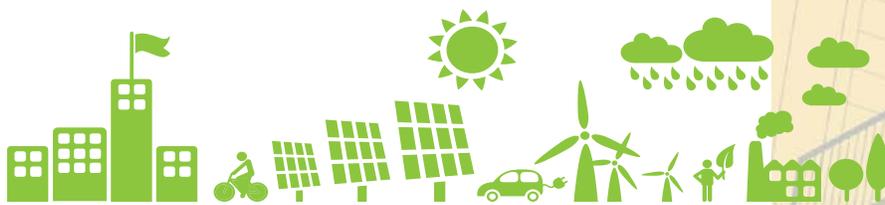
Moderator: **Gloria M. Shepherd**, Associate Administrator for Planning, Environment and Realty, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation

- **Candace Groudine, PhD, Esq.**, Director of External Civil Rights Program, Office of Civil Rights, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation
- **Monica Lear, PhD**, Deputy Associate Director, Urban Forestry Administration and State Forester, DC Department of Transportation
- **Tim Buckley, PhD**, Division of Environmental Health Sciences, College of Public Health, Ohio State University
- **Marc Brenman**, Co-author of “The Right to Transportation” and Consultant

Moderator: **Jacky Grimshaw**, Vice President for Policy, Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT)

- **David Aimen**, Assistant Director for Planning, Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center, Rutgers University
- **Karel Martins**, Institute for Management Research, Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- **Tom Sanchez, PhD**, Professor and Chair of the Urban Affairs and Planning Program, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

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3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Open (London I)**

(Grand Ballroom – B Level)

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **EJ Federal Interagency Working Group Stakeholder Dialogue**

Moderator: **Lisa Garcia, Esq.**, *Senior Policy Advisor for the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

- **Quentin Pair, Esq.**, *Trial Attorney/Environmental Justice Coordinator, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice*
- **Willie Taylor, PhD**, *Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, U.S. Department of the Interior*
- **Melinda Downing**, *Environmental Justice Program Manager, U.S. Department of Energy*

Meet the Agencies – MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED
(one-on-one)

***The Return of Navajo Boy* Film and Discussion**
(Salon 2)

Jeff Spitz, *Film's Director*

Community Business Plan Presentations (Salon 3)

Day 3 – Friday, April 29, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Exhibit Hall Open (London I)

Registration Close-Out

Small Town Breakfast

Historically Black Colleges and Universities/ Minority Serving Institutions Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Future Leaders of Environmental Justice (Salon 1)

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

Tennessee State University

– **Eliminating Racial Health Disparities in the Inner City: The North Nashville Walking Trail Pilot Project**

- **Morgan Powell**, *Student, Public Administration Program, College of Public Service and Urban Affairs, Tennessee State University*

– **Mapping Nashville's Food Deserts**

- **Dustin Shane**, *Student, Tennessee State University, and Intern, National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Center*

George Washington University

Environmental Resource Policy Graduate Program, Capstone Group

– **Savannah River Site Revitalization Initiative**

- **Kristina Van Dexter**, *Graduate Student*
- **Theresa Kerrigan Dussault**, *Graduate Student*
- **Matthew Erke**, *Graduate Student*
- **Tom Fitzgerald**, *Graduate Student*
- **Nabil Haque**, *Graduate Student*
- **Emily Neagle**, *Graduate Student*
- **Elizabeth Philpott**, *Graduate Student*

Savannah State University

Environmental Science Program

– **Research Highlights of Summer Interns at Savannah State University**

- **Randy Arnold**, *Undergraduate Student*
 - **Justin Price**, *Undergraduate Student*
 - **Jacob Hicks**, *Undergraduate Student*
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8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **The Return of Navajo Boy**
Dialogue and Extended Discussion (Salon 2)
Jeff Spitz, *Film's Director*
Mary Helen Begay, *Community Organizer,*
The Navajo Nation

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Lessons Learned and Performance Lecture**
(Salon 1)
Moderator: **Marilyn Ababio**, *Transportation Action*
Partnership for the Conference of Minority
Transportation Officials

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Oakland
Airport Connector
Bob Allen, *Director of Transportation, Urban Habitat*

Is Everybody Stupid
Environmental Justice Spoken Word
Performed by **Ise Lyfe**

(Grand Ballroom – B Level)

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Robert Stanton**, *Senior Advisor to the Secretary,*
U.S. Department of the Interior
Introduction: **Willie Taylor, PhD**, *Director, Office of*
Environmental Policy and Compliance, U.S. Department
of the Interior

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Harris Sherman**
Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment,
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Introduction: **Homer L. Wilkes**, *Acting Associate Chief of*
Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department
of Agriculture

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Break**

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Health Disparities Congressional Panel

Lead by **Congresswoman Donna Christensen, MD**
(Democrat, U.S. Virgin Islands)

Introduction: **David Rivers, PhD**, Assistant Professor and Director, Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO), Department of Library Science & Informatics, Medical University of South Carolina

- **Jeanette F. Jordan**, Registered Dietitian, Owner, J and J Health Consultants and President, Minority Health Education Network
- **Crystal L. Brown, Esq.**, Counsel to Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice
- **Nadine Gracia, MD, MSCE**, Chief Medical Officer, Office of Public Health and Science, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Luncheon Keynote Speaker:
Perlita R. Dicochea, PhD

Assistant Professor, Ethnic Studies Program,
Santa Clara University

Topic: **California Greening: Race, Gender, and Justice in the Discourse & Implementation of Green Jobs**

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Wrap-Up/Closing Remarks

John Rosenthal, President,
Urban Technologies, Inc., and

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



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