



Setting a New Compass for Climate Justice: A Forum on Race, Climate, and Community Health

Saturday, January 25, 2014
12:30 – 5:00pm @ Wellstone Center, St. Paul, MN

12:30 Registration and Coffee

12:50 Blessing - Dave Larsen, Lower Sioux Community

1:00 Forum Welcome & Honoring of the Minneapolis Climate Action Plan Environmental Justice Working Group

1:15 - 3:00 Racial Justice in Environmental Policy

Chicana activist Kimberly Wasserman and a panel of community and governmental leaders will discuss on how we can build a world of racial and economic justice to ensure clean and healthy air, land and water for everyone. They will discuss approaches to tackling the persistent environmental risks and health disparities in Native, low-income and communities of color.

Presentation: Kimberly Wasserman - 2013 Goldman Environmental Prize Recipient

Response Panel

Moderator: Shalini Gupta, Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy

Alondra Cano, Minneapolis City Council, 9th Ward

Carlos Mariani, Minnesota House of Representatives, Dist. 65B

Veronica Burt, Public Policy Advocate/Cultural Organizer, Just Equity

John Stine, Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Audience Dialogue with Kimberly Wasserman and Panelists

3:00 Break & Call to Action

3:15 - 5:00 Mapping Justice: Environmental Risks in Twin Cities

How can communities build power through knowledge about the environmental risks in our neighborhoods? The Twin Cities Environmental Justice Mapping Tool will be presented, and Panelists will discuss why we still do not know what are in our backyards, and how we can use this mapping tool to build more just, healthy and resilient communities.

Presentation: Twin Cities Environmental Justice Mapping Tool

Dr. Cecilia Martinez, Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy

Jeff Matson, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, University of Minnesota

Kristen Murray, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, University of Minnesota

Response Panel

Moderator: Dr. David Pellow, University of Minnesota

Elizabeth Glidden, Minneapolis City Council, 8th Ward

David Nicholson, Executive Director, Headwaters Foundation for Justice

Kimberly Wasserman, 2013 Goldman Environmental Prize Recipient for North America

Roxanne O'Brien, Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission

Audience Dialogue with Presenters and Panelists

5:00 Closing & Call to Action