

Andrea Delgado



Andrea Delgado serves as the Government Affairs Director of the UFW Foundation where she leads national efforts to win immigration reform for farmworkers and eliminate the racist and historical exclusions that leave farmworkers less protected than workers in other industry sectors. For over a decade, Andrea has committed herself to the meaningful engagement, convening and leadership of underrepresented communities in federal policymaking.

With a record of finding common ground and securing bipartisan support to resolve contentious agricultural, environmental, labor and immigration issues, her work has resulted in the enactment of legislation to protect children, workers and

communities and consumers from toxic waste, chemicals, pesticides, and to support farmworkers during the COVID-19 pandemic. On immigration, she spearheaded the legislative strategy to pass the bipartisan Farm Workforce Modernization Act in the 116th and 117th Congress, a bill that would establish a path to citizenship for farmworker families and reform the H-2A visa program. For her success in furthering public interest policies in an increasingly divisive political environment, the DC-based publication, THE HILL, recognized her among the Top Lobbyists of 2018.

Recognizing the urgency for representation and the lack of diversity in the environmental movement, Andrea co-founded GreenLatinos, a national non-profit that convenes diverse leaders committed to addressing environmental, natural resources and conservation issues that significantly affect the Latinx community in the United States. Prior to joining the UFW Foundation, Andrea served as Legislative Director of the Healthy Communities program at Earthjustice and Senior Policy Analyst and Communications Manager at the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement.

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*, California EV Charging Infrastructure Strike Force- *Co-Chair*

Beverly L. Wright, PhD



Dr. Beverly L. Wright environmental justice scholar and advocate, author, civic leader and professor of Sociology, is the founder and executive director of the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice. The Center addresses environmental and health inequities along the Louisiana Mississippi River Chemical Corridor and the Gulf Coast Region. The Center is a community-university (communiversity-model) partnership organization providing education, health and safety training and job placement for residents in environmental justice and climate-impacted communities within the United States.

Dr. Wright has conducted groundbreaking and significant research in the area of environmental justice and developed a curriculum for use at the elementary school level that has been used by the New Orleans Public Schools. She manages Worker

Health and Safety Training Programs that embrace a work-based curriculum and a holistic approach to learning for young men and women living near Superfund and Brownfield sites resulting in their employment.

She received the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award from the State University of New York, Buffalo, the Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Award in 2006, the 2008 EPA Environmental Justice Achievement Award, the Rainbow PUSH Coalition 2008 Community Award, the Ford Motor Company's Freedom's Sisters Award in July of 2009, the prestigious 2009 Heinz Award as well as the 2010 Beta Kappa Chi Humanitarian Assistance Award bestowed by the National Institute of Science and the Conrad Arensberg Award given by the Society for the Anthropology of Work in 2010. Additionally, she was also recognized by the Grios as one of its 100 History Makers in the Making in 2010. She has also received the Urban Affairs Association's SAGE Activist Scholar Award in May of 2011.

She is the author of numerous scholarly books and articles. She co-authored *Race, Place & the Environment After Hurricane Katrina* from Westview Press, and *The Wrong Complexion for Protection: How The Government Response Endangers African-American Communities* from New York University. She received a BA from Grambling College and an MA and Ph.D. in Sociology from State University of New York at Buffalo. Currently, Dr. Wright is serving as a member of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council under the Biden-Harris Administration. She is also a member of the Justice 40 Initiative Workgroup.

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".

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. In addition, Flowers serves as Rural Development Manager for Bryan Stevenson’s Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), is a Board Member for the Center for Earth Ethics at Union Theological Seminary, and sits on the Board of Directors for the Climate Reality Project and the Natural Resources Defense Council. Flowers is also Co-Chair of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences Commission on Accelerating Climate Action and Practitioner in Residence 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. Flowers was also named Levenick Resident Scholar in Sustainable Leadership at the University of Illinois for the spring 2021 and was awarded an honorary PhD in science from Wesleyan University.

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. She discusses sanitation and its correlation with systemic class, racial, and geographic prejudice that affects people across the United States. She has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Bloomberg*, *The Guardian*, and on PBS.



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. To date, ReGenesis has 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.

Appointments

2021 - Member of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council

2020 - Member of the Steering Committee of the National Brownfields Coalition, Co-Chair Environmental Justice and Public Health Subcommittee. Member of the Biden Climate Advisory Council Member of Evergreen Action Board

2019 - Founding Member Equitable & Just Climate Platform Committee

2018 - Present Member of the Former Legislative Caucus of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators Foundation, Chair of Environmental/Climate

2009 - 2016 Member of the Clinton Global Initiative

Key Primary Sponsored Legislation

2016 - Renewable Energy Tax Credit, Solar & Geothermal on EPA, NPL sites

2010 - The First Human Trafficking Legislation

2009 - Established the South Carolina Housing Commission

2008 - Low Income Housing Tax Credits for Affordable Housing

2008 - Established Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom Day in South Carolina

2007 - Established South Carolina Local Housing Trust Fund

2007 - Tax Increment Financing for Affordable Housing Legislation and service in the SC House of Representatives

2007 - Passed the first Environmental Justice law in South Carolina

2006 - Passed Electronic Prescription Drugs

Legislation and Service in the SC House of Representatives

2015-2017 - National Black Caucus of State Legislators, Vice Chairman: Region V – SC, NC 2015-2017 National Black Caucus of State Legislators, Vice Chairman: Business & Economic Development Policy Committee

2013-2014 - SC Legislative Black Caucus, Chairman

2007-2011 - Co-Chair Health Caucus of the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus

2010 - Presenter at the First White House Forum on Environmental Justice for the Federal Interagency Working Group

2007 - US Senate Hearing on Environmental Justice Testified before the first US Senate Hearing on Environmental Justice. Invited by Sen. Hillary Clinton, who Chaired the Committee.

2006-2007 - Led the Legislative effort to secure \$1 Million for Community Health Centers across SC

Awards and Recognitions

2016 - Revitalizing Vulnerable Communities Champion Award, National Training & Resources Summit 2016 - Legislator of the Year South Carolina Solar Council 2015 Legislator of the Year, NBCSL for South & North Carolina

2015 - Institute of Medicine & Public Health, Health Policy Fellows

2015 - Selma Alabama Fruit of the Labor Award, 50th Anniversary Bridge Crossing Jubilee

2010 - EPA National Environmental Justice Award, presented by Administrator Lisa Jackson

2009 - Legislator of the Year, South Carolina Home Builders Association

2008 - Legislator of the Year, South Carolina State Housing Financing and Development Authority

2008 - South Carolina Environmental Awareness Award, SC Dept. of Natural Resources

2007 - Legislator of the Year, Affordable Housing Coalition

2006 - Inaugural Spartanburg Regional Health Care System Foundation, Regional Fellows

2002 - Ford Foundation, Leadership for a Changing World recipient

2002 - National Citizen's Excellence Award, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency

2002 - United Nations Conference on Sustainability, Johannesburg South Africa Delegate

2000 - Trailblazer Award, Southern Organizing Committee, Atlanta Ga.

2000 - Region 4 Environmental Merit Award, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency

Hli Xyooj

Hli Xyooj (she/her) is a first-generation Hmong American. She was born a refugee in Thailand and raised in Minnesota. She is committed to lifelong deconstruction of colonial and patriarchal thoughts and practices that perpetuate racial, gender, and environmental violence. For most of her professional life, she has been organizing and advocating in the Hmong American community. Ms. Xyooj was recognized for her legal advocacy work with Hmong farmers as a St. Paul Foundation Facing Race Award Honoree and was presented a Best Lawyers Under 40 Award by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. In 2019,



Ms. Xyooj founded Advancement of Hmong Americans (AHA) in response to the lack of organizing around environmental justice issues in the Hmong community. Concurrently, she supports Hmong American Partnership (HAP) as an interim Director for Health and Wellness overseeing all of HAP's health and wellness programs including Diabetes Prevention, Tobacco Prevention and Education, MNsure, and Chemical and Mental Health. Prior to this position, she was a Senior Staff Attorney and the Hmong Community Outreach Coordinator at Farmers' Legal Action Group (FLAG), a non-profit law center dedicated to providing legal services and support to family farmers and their communities. Ms. Xyooj obtained her Juris Doctor from Hamline University School of Law and her Master of Business Administration from Hamline University School of Business.

Jade Begay



Jade Begay, Diné and Tesuque Pueblo, is an Indigenous rights and climate justice organizer, narrative strategist, and filmmaker. Jade has partnered with organizations like Resource Media, United Nations Universal Access Project, 350.org, Indigenous Environmental Network, Bioneers, Indigenous Climate Action, the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network, Allied Media Projects, and Tribal Nations from the Arctic to the Amazon to develop strategies, create stories, and build campaigns to mobilize engagement and impact around issues like climate change, Indigenous self-determination, and environmental justice. Jade is the Climate Justice Campaign Director at NDN Collective and serves on the board of Amazon Watch and the Native Conservancy.

Jerome Foster II

Jerome Foster II is an environmental activist, voting rights advocate, and emerging technology engineer. Based in New York City, but born and raised in Washington DC, he served as intern for the late Honorable John Lewis and served as Board Member for the DC State Board of Education. He now serves as Executive Director of OneMillionOfUs which educates and mobilizes young people to register and turn out to vote.

He studied International Environmental Governance, Policy, and Social Justice at Harvard University and was invited to speak at the United Nations High Commission on Human Rights. Jerome helped to pass the Clean Energy DC Act (one of the most comprehensive decarbonization bills being implemented in the nation). He is one of the lead organizers of the Fridays For Future youth climate strike movement holding weekly climate strikes in front of the White House and Harvard University for over 80 weeks. For the first climate strike in February 2019, he mobilized 400 students from his school and took a citywide leadership role in organizing climate strikes and speaking out about climate justice issues in rallies and town halls. Later, he began working alongside Jane Fonda to kickstart Fire Drill Fridays in front of the U.S. Capitol.

His experience in climate activism extends further via his work National Geographic, where he worked as Climatology Researcher, Icelandic Explorer, Virtual Reality Developer. He won the World Series of Entrepreneurship for creating a civic-based virtual reality organization called TAU VR.



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 and his wife Ana Parras 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 the Director of the Division of Sustainability for the City of Minneapolis. He is responsible for the development of policy and programs that support the city's Climate Action Goals and elevate racial and environmental justice initiatives throughout the City of Minneapolis with a priority on the City's 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 consulting and clean energy development firm. Kim acted as Chief Financial Officers and led its clean energy portfolio for nine years, developing more than 10 MWs of solar energy.

Kim earned a 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. He is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and is a US Green Building Council (USGBC) LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP).

Kyle Whyte, PhD



Kyle Whyte is George Willis Pack Professor of Environment and Sustainability at the University of Michigan, teaching in the environmental justice specialization. The following web pages have more information about Kyle's current work and courses. 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 currently serves on the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council, the Management Committee of the Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition, and the Board of Directors of the Pesticide Action Network North America. He has served as an author for the U.S. Global Change Research Program, including authorship on the 4th National Climate Assessment. 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.

The National Science Foundation has been a major supporter of Kyle's research and educational projects for nearly a decade. Supporters also include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Mellon Foundation, Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development, 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*, *WIREs Climate Change*, *Environment & Planning E*, *Daedalus*, *Synthese*, and *Sustainability Science*.

Kyle is involved with a number of organizations that advance Indigenous research and education methodologies, including the Climate and Traditional Knowledges Workgroup, the Sustainable Development Institute of the College of Menominee Nation, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, 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 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 been the Austin J. Fagothey Distinguished Visiting Professor at Santa Clara University, the Rudrick Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the University of Waterloo, and the Timnick Chair in the Humanities at Michigan State University.

LaTricea D. Adams



LaTricea D. Adams is a proud native of Memphis, Tennessee and is the Founder CEO & President of Black Millennials 4 Flint (BM4F), a national grassroots, 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 specifically in African American & Latinx communities throughout the nation. LaTricea Adams is the youngest African American Woman appointed to the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council. Ms. Adams is also a member of the Climate Power 2020 Michigan State Advisory Committee and the inaugural Chair of the Shelby County Lead Prevention and Sustainability Commission. In addition to her work in environmental justice, LaTricea has spent over a decade serving as an educator in both the classroom and district level. She is currently the Director of Organizational Quality in the Shelby County (Tennessee) Office of Charter

Schools.

Ms. Adams is also the co-founder of the Memphis Restorative Justice Coalition, an organization that creates alternatives to suspensions specifically for African American & Latinx students as well as trains and develops organizations to diminish instances of implicit bias. Her roots in political advocacy and social justice began while serving as the past President for the Memphis Urban League Young Professionals and Thursday Network— Greater Washington Urban League where under her leadership, the chapter was recognized as the 2017 Maudine Cooper Eastern Region Chapter of Excellence as well as the 2017 Affiliate Service Award with leading a chapter that committed nearly 18,000 service hours. She is also a former member of the Board of Directors for the Memphis Urban League. LaTricea was recognized as the 2015 Greater Washington Urban League Volunteer of the Year and National Urban League Young Professionals YP Distinguished Member in 2016, President's Distinguished President in 2017 and NULYP Honors Award Recipient 2019. LaTricea also received the inaugural Memphis Urban League "MULYP Rockstar Award" named in her honor in 2018. LaTricea is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and a terminal doctoral student at the esteemed HBCU Tennessee State University.

LaTricea was recognized as the Women's Information Network (WIN) Young Women of Achievement Award recipient for Service Beyond Measure. She was noted as the Young Education Professionals of DC's Volunteer of the Year for 2017. LaTricea was also featured in the Women's History Month 2016 Spotlight for Brightest Young Things (BYT). She served as a featured speaker at the highly acclaimed BroccoliCon 2018 at the Google Headquarters in Washington, DC alongside actress Amanda Seales and actor Laz Alonso. She was also the

recipient of the 2018 "Unbossed and Unapologetic Visionary" Award at the Inaugural Black Millennial Political Convention. Recently, LaTricea was honored by the Children's Environmental Health Network with the 2020 Child Health Advocate Award. LaTricea also founded the first Lead Prevention Commission in the State of Tennessee's history in 2019. She was also featured on BET's docuseries "Finding Justice" focusing on her work in Baltimore specifically surrounding lead paint issues in housing and environmental racism.

LaTricea's notable accomplishments reflects her passion to be "supreme in service to all mankind."

Maria Belen Power



Growing up in a bicultural family in Nicaragua, the second poorest country in the western hemisphere in the aftermath of a revolution, coupled with her work as an organizer in migrant communities has informed her understanding of social justice and the need for systemic change. **Maria Belen** brings over 15 years of experience in organizing with undocumented immigrants, day laborers, and public housing tenants. This experience has deepened her understanding of economic, social and environmental issues.

Maria Belen oversees GreenRoots' environmental justice campaigns and

supports the work of the organizing team. She represents GreenRoots in the Green Justice Coalition of the Greater Boston Area as well as national movements for environmental and climate justice.

Maria Belen was awarded the Neighborhood Fellowship and completed her Masters Degree in Public Policy at Tufts University's Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning Department. Prior to that, she successfully completed a yearlong certificate program in Nonprofit Management and Leadership with the Institute for Non-profit Management and Leadership at Boston University. Maria Belen was appointed by President Biden to serve on the newly established White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC), which advises the executive branch on all issues related to environmental and climate justice. Maria Belen serves on the Board of Directors of the Student Immigrant Movement.

Maria Lopez-Nunez

Maria Lopez-Nunez is a first generation Catracha, from Newark, New Jersey serving as the Deputy Director of Organizing and Advocacy of Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC). She was part of the team that fought for the passage of the landmark Environmental Justice Bill (EJ Bill; S232) in September of 2020. This bill helps the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection assess the public health and environmental risks that the renewing or expanding facilities would bring into our communities in New Jersey. Her work in addition to environmental justice is at the intersections of housing, immigration, policing, and economic justice for frontline communities. She is on the board of the Climate Justice Alliance and the ROOTS Project.



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 (RMP) 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 (CHS), which has compelled two of the biggest dollar store chains in the country to adopt their first ever safer chemicals policies, and is a 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, 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 Yoshitan

Miya Yoshitan is the Executive Director 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

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 NJ EJ Alliance, EJ Leadership Forum, EJ and Science Initiative and an informal NE EJ Attorneys Group. He has been appointed to the NJ Clean Air Council, and EPA's Clean Air Act Advisory Committee and National EJ Advisory Council. Sheats was also a co-author of the human health chapter of the 2014 National Climate Assessment. He is currently serving on the White House EJ Advisory Council.

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 B.A. from Princeton University and earned a Ph.D. in Earth and Planetary Sciences, J.D. and M.P.P. from Harvard University.



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.

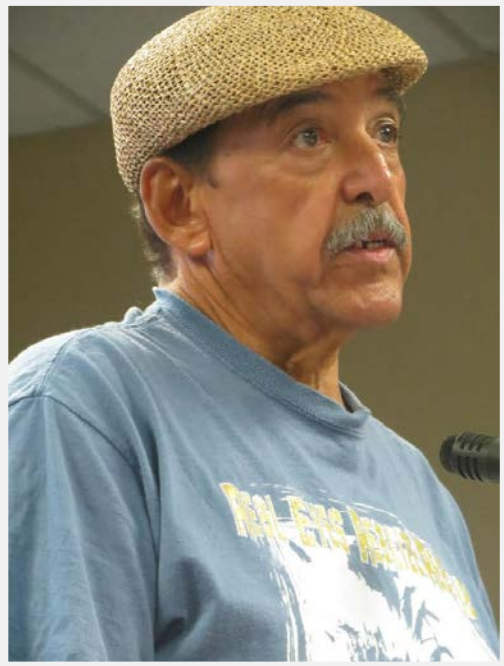
Rachel Morello-Frosch, PhD



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](#), 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.

Richard Moore

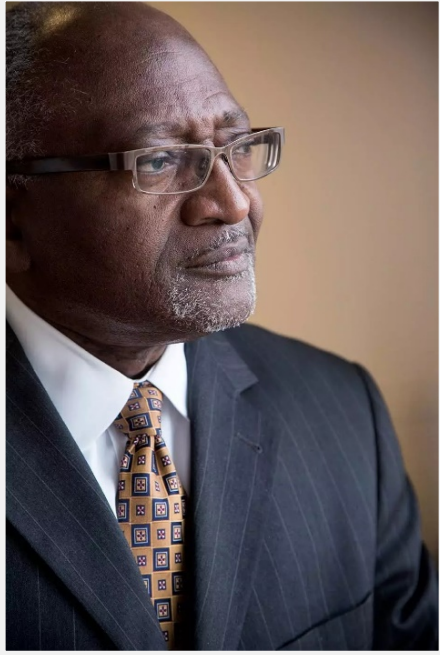


Richard Moore is the Co-Director of Los Jardines Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico and National Co-Coordinator of the Environmental Justice & Health Alliance for Chemical Policy Reform (EJHA). He currently also serves as Co-Chair of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC).

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 (WHEJAC).

Ruth Santiago

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 (queremossolpr.com).



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.

Tom Cormons



Tom was hired to open Appalachian Voices' first Virginia office in 2007, and he took the reins as Executive Director in early 2013. The organization has expanded under his leadership to include new programs advancing energy and economic solutions for the region, new offices in Southwest Virginia, Knoxville, Tenn., and Durham, N.C., and new initiatives to address the harmful impacts of fossil fuels. Tom received his J.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles and a B.A. in political and social thought from the University of Virginia. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar, and his experience prior to joining Appalachian Voices includes clerkships with Environmental Defense Fund, Piedmont Environmental Council, Southern Environmental Law Center, and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Tom also worked with endangered migratory terns in South America for six seasons, overseeing aerial radio-tracking of the birds. He lives in Charlottesville, Va., with his wife, Heather, whom he met while working as a whitewater and climbing guide in southern West Virginia, and their three children.

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. This year, Vi was appointed (invited) to serve on the newly formed 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.