

Environmental Connection: Rising Rates of Breast Cancer, Reproductive Disorders and Children's Disease

Public Hearing

Friday, December , 4pm-7pm

Ann Arbor Public Library, 4th Floor

Moderated by *Bella Abzug*

With testimony by scientists and community activists on the connection between environmental pollution and disease.

Evening Reception, 7pm-8:30pm

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With remarks by Andrea Martin, Founder and President, The Breast Cancer Fund

Conference

Saturday, December 2, 8am-6pm

Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence Building

Opening Keynote: New Science on Breast Cancer and the Environment

Dr. Devra Lee Davis, PhD, MPH, World Resources Institute epidemiologist and formerly Senior Scientific Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Health, US Department of Health and Human Services; Founding Coordinator, Breast Cancer Prevention Collaborative Research Group

Concurrent Workshops: Exploring the Evidence

A. Children and the Urban Environment

Dr. Linda Rae Murray, M.D, MPH

Physician at Winfield Moody Community Health Center in Chicago. Dr. Murray has been an occupational safety and environmental justice advocate for many years.

Alex Sagady, Sierra Club Mackinac Chapter, formerly Director of Environmental and Occupational Health at the American Lung Association of Michigan; member, MDNR Air Quality Advisory Committee

Janice O'Neal, Spokesperson, Flint/Genessee United for Action, Justice and Environmental Safety, will discuss her group's fight for environmental justice and opposition to a waste incinerator.

B. Breast Cancer and Radiation

Ernest Sternglass, Ph.D, Emeritus Professor of Radiological Physics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Joan Flaumenbaum, Vice President of 1 in 9: The Long Island Breast Cancer Action Coalition

C. The First Environment

Fred vom Saal, Ph.D., Professor of Biology & Reproductive Biologist, U of Missouri-Columbia

Thomas Darvill, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology, State University of N.Y. College, Oswego; Co-Director of the Oswego Newborn and Infant Development Project

Katsi Cook, Midwife, Mohawk Nation at Akwesasne, & ATSDR research consultant on PCB study

D. Pesticides and Kids

Dr. Ross Hume Hall, Emeritus Professor of Biochemistry, Mc Masters University; former co-chair of the Health Committee of the International Joint Commission

Michelle Miller, World Wildlife Fund, Washington, DC—Great Lakes Project Director for Agricultural Pollution Project

Beatrice Maya, Representative of Farm Labor Organizing Committee

Afternoon Panel: Children at Risk

Rosalie Bertel, Ph.D., G.N.S.H., President, Intl Institute of Concern for Public Health; Editor, Int'l Perspectives on Public Health

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Concurrent Workshops: Exploring The Evidence

A. The Politics of Breast Cancer

Joan D'Argo, Women, Health and the Environment: Action for Prevention, Greenpeace
Andrea Martin, Founder and President, The Breast Cancer Fund, and breast cancer survivor

B. Fertility at Risk

Dr. Ross Hume Hall, Emeritus Professor of Biochemistry, Mc Masters University; former co-chair of the Health Committee of the International Joint Commission
Rita Loch-Caruso, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Toxicology, University of Michigan School of Public Health, exploring reproductive toxicology

C. Children and Radiation

Rosalie Bertel, Ph.D., G.N.S.H., President, International Institute of Concern for Public Health;
Harvey Wasserman, Senior Advisor to Greenpeace USA; co-author of "Killing Our Own: The Disaster of America's Experience with Atomic Radiation"

D. Art as a Healing Intervention

Certified art therapists will provide participants with several art activities to provide an outlet for personal responses to disease

Concurrent Workshops: Solutions

A. Less Toxic Industry

Tim Eder, National Wildlife Federation Great Lakes Natural Resource Center, will discuss opportunities for less toxic hospital waste streams
Beverly Thorpe, World Wildlife Fund, Clean Production Expert, will discuss opportunities for less toxic industry, and major European advances
Merrill Clark, Organic Farmer, Board Member, Organic Growers of Michigan and the National Organic Standards Board

B. Taking Action in the Political Arena

US Representative Lynn Rivers, represents District 13
Michigan State Representative Liz Brater, represents District 18
Milan Councilmember Marcia Hancock

C. What Can I do In My Home, School, and Neighborhood

Bonnie Rice, Greenpeace Great Lakes Toxics Campaigner, will discuss opportunities for non-toxic drycleaning
Pete Barone, Mich. Safe Energy Fund, will discuss things you can do at home to decrease exposure to EMR's
Mike Garfield, Ecology Center of Ann Arbor, will discuss a successful area project to reduce pesticide use in schools

D. Coalition-Building for Safe Workplaces and Communities

Peter Dooley, UAW International Health and Safety Organizer, will discuss labor-environmental coalition building
Michele Martin, UAW, Organizer, Region 1A
Elizabeth Toomer, Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice, will discuss the need to integrate environmental justice concerns into environmental campaigns

Closing Keynote: Taking Action

Lois Gibbs, Founder and Director, Citizens Clearinghouse for Hazardous Waste

Wrap-up and Conference Followup Plans

Party

Saturday, December, 7:30-11pm

"The Building" at 310 S. Ashley in Downtown Ann Arbor
Hosted by *Nkenge Zola*, WDET, all are invited.

For more information, call 313-663-2400

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