

The University of Memphis joins the Sierra Club to present

# Envisioning a Cleaner, Healthier Environment: A Grassroots Community Conference



Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am to 2:30pm

University of Memphis University Center

Free parking in the Zach Curlin Garage

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# Schedule of Events

8:30am	<b>Coffee &amp; registration</b> UC Third Floor	<b><u>Session 1 Workshops – 10:15am-11:15am</u></b>
9:00am	Welcome UC Ballroom	<b>Organizing Transportation to Address Climate Justice - Bluff Room</b> Dennis Lynch, Chair, Sierra Club Chickasaw Group, Justin Davis, Memphis Bus Riders Union, Sandi Klink, Center for Independent Living
9:15am	<b>Keynote speaker</b> Keith Ellison UC Ballroom	<b>Hot Times: Solar in Our City – River Room</b> Angela Garrone, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy & JimmieTucker, Self-Tucker Architects
9:45am	<b>Mochow EJ Award</b>	<b>Tactics for Organizing and Creative Advocacy - Memphis Room</b> Brad Watkins, Executive Director, Mid-South Peace & Justice Center
10:00am	Break	<b>Monitoring Air Emissions in Memphis - Beale Room</b> Dr. Chunrong Jia, U of M School of Public Health & Larry Smith, Memphis and Shelby County Health Department
10:15am	<b>Session 1 Workshops</b>	<b>Energy Efficiency in a Clean Climate Future - Shelby Room</b> Amanda Garcia, Southern Environmental Law Center
11:15am	Break	<b>Environmental Determinants of Body Weight - Poplar Room</b> Dr. Debra Bartelli, U of M School of Public Health
11:30am	<b>Session 2 Workshops</b>	<b><u>Session 2 Workshops – 11:30am-12:30am</u></b>
12:30pm	<b>Lunch</b> UC Ballroom	<b>Gender and Environmental Security - Bluff Room</b> Dr. Nikki Detraz, U of M Department of Political Science
12:45pm	<b>Keynote speaker</b> Aaron Mair	<b>Promoting Health &amp; Resilience with a Plant Based Diet - River Room</b> Omidele Ayetoro, Natural House of Wellness Outreach Center
		<b>Labor and the Environment - Memphis Room</b> Matt Brown, Organizer Solid Waste Division of the Teamsters, Tom Smith, Organizer UCW-CWA, Larry Williams Jr, Labor Coordinator, Sierra Club
		<b>Using EJ Screening Tool to Map EJ Neighborhoods - Beale Room</b> Cynthia Peurifoy, EPA Region 4 Environmental Justice Coordinator, & Siobhan Tarver, EPA Region 4 Physical Scientist
		<b>EPA’s Clean Power Plan for Healthier Communities - Shelby Room</b> Leslie Fields, Sierra Club National Environmental Justice Partnerships Program Director

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# Keynote Speakers



## Congressman Keith Ellison

The Honorable Keith Ellison represents the 5<sup>th</sup> congressional district in Minnesota, including Minneapolis. Both inside and outside of Congress, Congressman Ellison has proven himself a champion of environmental justice. Congressman Ellison will be available to sign his book *My Country 'Tis of Thee*.



## Sierra Club National President Aaron Mair

Epidemiologist Aaron Mair first got involved in the Sierra Club in a successful campaign to shut down a solid waste incinerator in Albany NY. Since 1999, Mair has worked to transform the Sierra Club into an organization dedicated to grassroots action, environmental justice, and inclusivity.



## Congressman Steve Cohen

2015 Dick Mochow Environmental Justice Award Recipient

Congressman Cohen will receive the 2015 award for a host of environmental bills, initiatives, and general support for a clean, safe, and healthy environment. His work has benefited the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District as well as communities nationally.

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# Conference Logistics

## Free Parking!

Convenient parking can be found in the Zach Curlin Parking Garage directly across from the University Center (505 Zack H Curlin St, Memphis, TN 38111).

The entrance to the University Center is accessible from the 3rd level of the parking garage via a covered walkway just to the left of the garage stairs and elevators. Follow the covered walkway into the University Center and take the University Center elevator or stairs to the ballroom area on the third floor.

## Conference Registration

Registration is open to all students, faculty, neighborhood watch leaders, community activists, community groups and anyone else interested in learning about environmental justice! This is the only environmental conference in Memphis completely focused on providing easy-to-understand information and an opportunity to network with expert speakers and activists.

This conference is free and includes complimentary parking and lunch.

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