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The 16th Annual Grassroots Environmental Conference



Saturday, October 5, 2019

9:00 am to 2:30 pm

At The University of Memphis University Center

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Keynote Speaker

Richard Moore

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University Center, University of Memphis

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Schedule of the Day

9:00-9:30 AM	Registration and Coffee (UC Theatre, First Floor)
9:30-9:45 AM	Welcome and Introductions
9:45-10:45 AM	Morning Plenary: “ <i>Building Strong Alliances to Fight for What Matters</i> ” Keynote Speaker: Richard Moore National Co-Founder of the Environmental Justice Health Alliance; Program Director, Los Jardines Institute
10:45-11:15 AM	Break, Pick up boxed lunch, 3rd Floor
11:15 AM-12:30 PM	Breakout sessions, 3rd Floor (lunch in rooms)
12:30-12:50 PM	Break
12:50-2:30 PM	Afternoon Plenary: “ <i>Can the Green New Deal Tackle the Climate Crisis?</i> ” Speaker: Pedro Cruz Sierra Club Senior Representative for Clean Infrastructure, Labor & Economic Justice Program Q&A Discussion Presentation of the Dick Mochow Environmental Award Acknowledgements and Thanks

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Keynote speaker, Richard Moore



Richard Moore is a longtime community activist and environmental justice champion. Mr. Moore is co-director of Albuquerque, New Mexico's Los Jardines Institute (The Gardens Institute) and national co-coordinator of the Environmental Justice Health Alliance. He has spent his entire career advancing environmental justice, racial justice, and economic justice. He was a founding member of the Black Berets in Albuquerque and co-founded the Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP) and later helped lead the Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice (SNEEJ). Richard has amassed numerous awards such as the "Keep the Dream Alive Award" from the Albuquerque based Martin Luther King Jr. Multicultural Council, the 2005 Ford Foundation Leadership for a Changing World Fellowship, the Human Rights Award from the City of Albuquerque, the Alston Bannerman Fellowship Award for Community Organizers of Color, the 2014 Luminaria award of the NM Community Foundation and the 2015 César E. Chávez "Sí Se Puede" Award from The Recuerda a César Chávez Committee. In 2015 he was inducted into the Civil Rights Hall of Fame Hall of Resistance in Selma, Alabama. He also served as the first elected chair of the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) and has been reappointed three times to serve on the NEJAC and presently serves as its Chair. In addition, Mr. Moore has served as the Co-Chair of the National Council of Churches Eco-Justice Task Force, and as the Co-Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus National Environmental Policy Commission.



Breakout Sessions from 11:15 AM-12:30 PM on the third floor
(pick up lunch and take it to your room)

Building Effective Coalitions

Panel Moderator: Jayanni Webster, West TN Organizer, United Campus Workers Union
Pedro Cruz, Senior Rep., Sierra Club Labor & Economic Justice Program, Wash., DC
Brad Watkins, Executive Director, Mid-South Peace & Justice Center

Stopping Neighborhood Landfills

Panel Moderator: Marquita Bradshaw, Sierra Club EJ Committee, Community Activist
John Jones, Municipal Planner, Memphis & Shelby County Planning Dept. (recently retired)
Rev. Tondala Hayward, Longstreet United Methodist Church, Whitehaven

Improving Public Transit

Panel Moderator: Dennis Lynch, Sierra Club Chickasaw Group Chair, Transportation Comm.
Courtney McNeil, Innovate Memphis
Justin Davis, Memphis Bus Riders Union

Drinking Water Protection

Panel Moderator: Scott Banbury, Sierra Club Conservation Program Coordinator
Ward Archer, President, Protect our Aquifer
LaTricea Adams, Community Activist, Black Millennials 4Flint
Chet Kibble, Memphis and Shelby County Lead Safe Collaborative (MSCLSC)

Powered by the Sun: A Solar Success Story

Chris Carney, Owner & Licensed Solar Installer, Energy Electives, Nashville, TN

Fighting Neighborhood Blight with the Law

Danny Schaffzin, Law Professor & Director of Experiential Learning at University of Memphis Law School

Health Effects of Pollution and Environmental Stressors

Dr. Debra Bartelli, Research Professor, University of Memphis, School of Public Health

Climate Crisis Art Competition



ARE HUMANS SMARTER THAN FROGS?

Graphic Design by Tony Cernosek,
Sierra Club

Top Prize \$1,000

Climate change is real and it is time for all of us to start taking it seriously. This art competition is a great way for us to get the word out and promote activism in a creative and fun way!

Who can participate? Anyone, and you can live outside Memphis. So, we are calling on all artistic environmentalists, artists, photographers, and other talented people. Submit your entries now! YOU could win “Best of Show.”

Winning entries to the Climate Crisis Art Competition will be displayed all day during the conference.

Entries can be submitted until Sept. 20th in any of these 5 categories—Cartoon, Creative Image, Photograph, Solution or Youth.

For details and submission pleas go to:

<https://climatecrisisartcompetition.wordpress.com/>

Climate Crisis Art Competition Organizers: Dennis Lynch and Dr. Ted Maclin

Climate Crisis Art Competition Sponsors: Dennis Lynch and Tony Cernosik

Registration Information:

Reminder - this conference is **FREE** and open to the public. However, everyone attending **MUST** be pre-registered. A complimentary lunch will be served. Please indicate your meal preference.

Deadline for conference registrations is Friday, September 27, 2019

Each person interested in attending may register here:

<https://m.bpt.me/event/4329615>

PARKING & DIRECTIONS

Free and convenient parking can be found in the Zach Curlin Parking Garage directly across from the University Center. Zach Curlin Drive can be accessed from either Central Avenue or Walker Avenue. 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 proceed to the first floor Theatre for the Plenary Session and Registration Table. Take the University Center elevator or stairs to the third floor for the workshops. All workshop rooms are numbered and will be mainly located on the 3rd floor.

Campus Map: <https://umwa.memphis.edu/campusmap/>

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