

AGENDA
Environmental Health & Justice:
Successes & Future Challenges
Friday, October 3rd, 2025

Time	Details
12:30 - 12:45 PM	Introduction and Kick-off Paul Koch, Interim Campus Provost and Vice Chancellor, and Distinguished Professor, EPS Dept Don Smith, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, METX Dept.
12:45 - 1:15 PM	Undergraduate student flash talks, introductions by Matt Sparke (Each talk: 5 min + 1 min questions, 25 - 30 min total) Svasti Kandpal, GCH BS major, Biomedical concentration <i>Farmworker Health and Justice: Mapping Community Resources</i> Carlos Menjivar Sanchez, GCH BS major, Biomedical concentration <i>How climate change affects our community</i> Nashaly Pari-Candia, Environmental Studies BA major, Global Environmental Justice concentration; GCH BA major; Politics/Latin American and Latino Studies combined BA major; Legal Studies minor <i>Campo-Sano: Education for Farmworker Health and Climate Resilience</i>
1:15 - 2:10 PM	Graduate student speakers, introductions by Grant Hartzog (Each talk: 10 min + 3 min questions, 55 - 60 min total) Juliet Ellenbach, PhD student, METX Dept. <i>Addressing menstrual hygiene and stigma in Madagascar: How do infrastructural and psychosocial interventions impact emotional well-being, physiological stress systems, and learning?</i> Md Ziaur Rahman, PhD student, METX Dept. <i>Associations between antenatal endocrine and immune markers, maternal microbiome, and child stress response</i> Gabbie Peñaranda, PhD student, Politics Dept. <i>Challenges and debates on the built environment as a determinant of health</i> Anna Purcell, PhD student, Sociology Dept. <i>Bridging Law, Public Health, and Sociology: An Interdisciplinary Perspective on Food Systems Labor</i> Angela Deguzman, PhD student, MCD Biology Dept. <i>Nicotine in utero changes blood production and worsens disease</i>
2:10 - 2:30 PM	Coffee/Tea Break

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2:30 - 4:00 PM	Faculty talks, introductions by Don Smith (Each talk: 15 min talks + 5 min questions, 80 - 90 min total)
	Raquel Chamorro-Garcia, Assistant Professor, METX Dept. <i>Environmental exposures and multigenerational disease: Looking back to move forward</i>
	Valerie Cortez, Assistant Professor, MCD Biology Dept. <i>Early-life enteric virus infection and the development of oral tolerance</i>
	Nancy N. Chen, Professor, Anthropology Dept. <i>Engaging community promotoras for farmworker mental health</i>
	Javier Gonzalez-Rocha, Assistant Professor, Applied Mathematics Dept. <i>Drones, Data, and Community: Tracking Air Quality in a Changing Climate</i>
4:00 - 4:30 PM	Community leader speaker, introduction by Don Smith
	Brian Roeder, Never Again Moss Landing <i>BESS fires are uniquely toxic. Our authorities are waaaaaay behind the power curve. What can be done?</i>
4:30 - 5:30 PM	Keynote speaker, introduction by Dean Bryan Gaensler
	Brenda Eskenazi, Professor Emerita, Epidemiology and Community Health Sciences, UC Berkeley School of Public Health <i>Lessons from the Fields: 25 Years of Working with Agricultural Families in California</i>
5:30 - 6:00 PM	Closing remarks • Don Smith (Distinguished Professor Emeritus, METX Dept.) • Matt Sparke (GCH Co-Director; Distinguished Professor, Politics Dept.)