

Ethnic Media Fellowship Conference
“Urban Environmental Justice: Reporting the Full Story”
Los Angeles, California
April 30 - May 7, 2009

SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 30

Los Angeles Athletic Club

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Welcome / Orientation (Los Angeles Room)

- Steve Montiel, IJJ Director
- Frank Sotomayor, IJJ Associate Director
- Marc Cooper, IJJ Associate Director
- Janet Wilson, IJJ Senior Fellow
- Bobby Kirkwood, IJJ Program Coordinator

5:00-6:15 p.m.

The Crystallization of the Environmental Justice Movement and Its Influence on Contemporary Environmentalism

- Eileen McGurty, Ph.D., Associate Chair, Environmental Sciences and Policy, Johns Hopkins University, and author of the book *Transforming Environmentalism: Warren County, PCBs and the Origins of Environmental Justice*

6:30-9:00 p.m.

Reception / Dinner (President’s Lounge)

Speaker: **William J. Kelly**, Co-Author of *Smogtown: The Lung Burning History of Pollution in Los Angeles* and Southern California Correspondent for California Energy Circuit

Friday, May 1

USC Davidson Conference Center (Club Room)

8:30 a.m.

Depart to USC Davidson Conference Center

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Project Discussions

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Journalism: Dead or Alive?

- Marc Cooper, IJJ Associate Director

12:00-1:15 p.m.

Lunch (Vineyard Room)

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AFTERNOON FORUM	“INTERSECTIONS OF THE ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE”
1:30 p.m.	Welcome, Introduction of Opening Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Steve Montiel, IJJ Director
1:45-2:30 p.m.	Opening Remarks: U.S., We Have a Problem: Facing and Addressing Environmental Inequity in our Urban Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Manuel Pastor, Ph.D., Professor, Geography and American Studies and Ethnicity, and Director, Program for Environmental and Regional Equity, University of Southern California
2:30-2:50 p.m.	Journalistic Perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Janet Wilson, IJJ Senior Fellow
2:50-3:15 p.m.	Q & A
3:15 p.m.	Break
3:30-5:00 p.m.	PANEL: How Economics and Public Health Collide and Co-Exist in Environmental Policy <i>Moderator:</i> Marc Cooper, IJJ Associate Director; USC Annenberg Digital News director and journalism professor <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ S. David Freeman, Deputy Mayor, City of Los Angeles▪ Winston Hickox, Partner, California Strategies▪ William J. Kelly, Co-Author of <i>Smogtown</i> and Southern California Correspondent for California Energy Circuit▪ Jane Williams, Executive Director, California Communities Against Toxics
5:15-6:30 p.m.	Reception (Lobby)

Saturday, May 2

Los Angeles Athletic Club (Los Angeles Room)

9:00 -9:30 a.m.	Overview of the Day / Q&A
9:30-11:00 a.m.	PANEL: Overview of L.A. Basin: Smog, Soot, Diesel Zones, Heavy Industry, Medical Shortages <i>Moderator:</i> Steve Montiel, IJJ Director <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Barry Wallerstein, Executive Officer, South Coast Air Quality Management District▪ Jane Williams, Executive Director, California Communities Against Toxics▪ David Pettit, Senior Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council

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- 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Break and Blogging
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (Empire Room)
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. **PANEL: Health Effects of Urban Pollution**
Moderator: Janet Wilson, IJJ Senior Fellow
- Andrea Hricko, Associate Professor, Preventive Medicine, Keck School of Medicine, USC
 - John Froines, Professor, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, UCLA
 - Bart Croes, Chief, Research Division, California Air Resources Board
- 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. **PANEL: Multimedia Storytelling**
Moderator: Frank Sotomayor, IJJ Associate Director
- John Vandewege, Video Journalist
 - Robert Lopez, Reporter, Los Angeles Times

Sunday, May 3

Field Reporting (Nada Bus, Inc.)

- 10:00 a.m. Depart Los Angeles Athletic Club to Santa Monica
- 10:45 a.m. Santa Monica Palisades walk
(box lunches provided)
- 12:15 p.m. Leave for southern Los Angeles County
- 1:15 p.m. **Toxic Tour** (southern Los Angeles County)
- Robert Cabrales, Southeast L.A. Community Organizer, Communities for a Better Environment
- 4:00-5:30 p.m. **Test Rides: California Pollution Monitoring Vehicle**
- Scott Fruin, Assistant Professor of Research, Occupational & Environmental Health, Keck School of Medicine, USC
 - Kathleen Kozawa, Researcher, California Air Resources Board
 - Steve Mara, Researcher, California Air Resources Board
- 5:30 p.m. Return to Los Angeles Athletic Club

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Monday, May 4

Field Reporting (Nada Bus, Inc.)

8:45 a.m.

Depart Los Angeles Athletic Club

9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Bus tour for field reporting in Southern and Southeast L.A. County: Huntington Park High School, Soto Elementary School, Vernon rendering plants, lead smelter, slaughterhouse and chemical plants, Commerce rail yards, Wilmington refinery and adjacent community, mobile air pollution monitoring, truck traffic on 710 freeway, Port of Long Beach, meet with Msgr. John Moretta, Resurrection Catholic Church, Boyle Heights; Angelo Logan of East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, Commerce; and Robert Cabrales and Jesus Torres of Communities for a Better Environment, Huntington Park

5:30 p.m.

Dinner (La Serenata de Garibaldi, Boyle Heights)

7:15 p.m.

Return to Los Angeles Athletic Club

Tuesday, May 5

Los Angeles Athletic Club (Los Angeles Room)

9:30-11:45 a.m.

PANEL: Environmental Health Hazards and Policy: Are Adequate Regulations in Place?

Moderator: La Ronda Bowen, President, Bowen & Associates

- James Lents, President, International Sustainable Systems Resource Center
- Enrique Manzanilla, Director, Communities and Ecosystems Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9-Pacific Southwest

11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Lunch (Empire Room)

DISCUSSION: Food as an Environmental Justice Issue

- Robert Gottlieb, Professor of Urban and Environmental Policy and Director of the Urban & Environmental Policy Institute (UEPI), Occidental College

1:15-2:15 p.m.

Writing Workshop: Three Ways to Stronger Storytelling

- Steve Padilla, Assistant National Editor, Los Angeles Times

2:30-3:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION: Ethical Issues in the New Age

- Frank Sotomayor, IJJ Associate Director

