Speaker Biographies

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LaTricea D. Adams

LaTricea D. Adams is the Founder, CEO, and President of Black Millennials 4 Flint, the first and only African American & Latinx civil rights and environmental justice organization solely focused on the eradication of lead exposure. Ms. Adams was a key community leader in the passing of the DC Childhood Lead Prevention Amendment Act of 2017, Tennessee HB 2017, and Maryland Healthy Children Act (HB1233) and HB1253. She founded the award-winning Lead Prevention Ambassador Leadership Program. She orchestrated (founded) the Young, Gifted & Green Community Action Summit, which takes place annually during the Congressional Black Caucus ALC Week in Washington, DC. She also received a unanimous vote from the Shelby County Commissioners (Memphis, TN) for the approval of the first Lead Prevention Commission in Shelby County and in Tennessee history.

Linda Breggin

Linda Breggin has served as a senior attorney with the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, D.C., for over 20 years. Her legal and policy research focuses on agriculture, food waste, non-point and point source water pollution, and environmental enforcement. During the 1990s, she was counsel with LeBoeuf Lamb Greene & MacRae in Washington. She also served as the special assistant to the head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's enforcement program, as counsel to a U.S. House of Representatives' Energy and Commerce Subcommittee and as the associate director for toxics and environmental education in the White House Office on Environmental Policy.

Jaime Lee

Jaime Lee has been a member of the faculty of the University of Baltimore Law School since 2011. She teaches Business Organizations and the Community Development Clinic, where student attorneys provide creative transactional and regulatory legal services to local organizations that promote social and economic equity. Lee's scholarship examines barriers faced by low-income people within contemporary legal systems, analyzes how systems meant to benefit the poor are frequently subverted or distorted, and proposes ways to combat such subversion. Lee's scholarly writings have been put into practice through the CDC's coalition work on water justice in the City of Baltimore, which resulted in the creation of an innovative governmental accountability structure. In 2020, the CDC's water justice work received Honorable Mention for Excellence in a Public Interest Project by the Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA).

Amy Rao Mohan

Amy Rao Mohan founded and heads the crisis management/media relations practice group at Sherrard Roe Voigt & Harbison, which helps both businesses and individuals in connection with civil and criminal matters or outside of a litigation context. Ms. Mohan's practice areas also include general and commercial litigation, including hospital and physician litigation, landlord-tenant disputes, media law, and state and federal appellate litigation.

Chandra Taylor-Sawyer

Chandra Taylor is a senior attorney in the Southern Environmental Law Center's Chapel Hill office specializing in water quality and environmental justice issues. Chandra has led work in North Carolina to force cleanups at contaminated industrial sites, stop water pollution threatening North Carolina communities, and shape transit and landfill policies. In 2007, she helped lead the overhaul of North Carolina's Solid Waste Management Act, in order to protect lower-wealth communities and communities of color, as well as natural resources, from being disproportionately harmed from landfill-siting.

Jennifer Tribble

Jennifer Tribble is a Senior Policy Analyst with Tennessee's Office of Policy and Sustainable Practices. Jenn's work involves providing technical assistance to communities and the hospitality sector, assisting the department on environmental justice topics, and engaging with TDEC Divisions and external stakeholders on environmental policy

issues. Jenn holds a PhD in Neuroscience from the University of California, Los Angeles, with a dissertation focused on the effects of stress on the brain. Jenn also holds a BS in Chemistry and a BS in Microbiology from the University of Texas. Prior to joining TDEC, Jenn worked broadly on science policy and science communication at Duke University. Jenn is passionate about sustainability and leveraging her behavioral science background to build successful programs and policies to encourage sustainable practices.

Michael Vandenbergh

Michael Vandenbergh is a leading scholar in environmental and energy law whose research explores the relationship between formal legal regulation and informal social regulation of individual and corporate behavior. His work with Vanderbilt's Climate Change Research Network involves interdisciplinary teams that focus on the reduction of carbon emissions from the individual and household sector. His corporate work explores private environmental governance and the influence of social norms on firm behavior and the ways in which private contracting can enhance or undermine public governance. Before joining Vanderbilt's law faculty, Professor Vandenbergh was a partner at a national law firm in Washington, D.C. He served as Chief of Staff of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from 1993 to 1995. He began his career as a law clerk for Judge Edward R. Becker of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in 1987-88. In addition to directing Vanderbilt's Climate Change Research Network, Professor Vandenbergh serves as co-director of the law school's Energy, Environment and Land Use Program. He was named a David Daniels Allen Distinguished Professor of Law in fall 2013. A recipient of the Hall-Hartman Teaching Award, he teaches courses in environmental law, energy, and property. Professor Vandenbergh has been a visiting professor at the University of Chicago Law School and at Harvard Law School. He is a fellow of the American College of Environmental Lawyers and a member of the Board on Environmental Change and Society of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.