



## **NCEJN SUMMIT PROGRAM**

**Friday – October 18, 2013**

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**12 Noon      Registration, Exhibits, Lunch**

**1:00pm      Welcome**

*Facilitator - Gary R. Grant, Director, NCEJN*

**1:15pm      Environmental Justice Research Presentations**

*Facilitator - Steve Wing*

**3:45pm      Break**

**4:00pm      Community Speak Out and Government Listening Panel**

*Facilitator - Henry Lancaster, Lancaster, Craig & Associates*

### **Communities**

*Rural Empowerment Association for Community Help (REACH)*

*White Street Landfill, Greensboro*

*West Badin Community*

*Supply*

### **Government Listening Panel**

*Sen. Angela Bryant NC 4<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District*

*Amy Simes, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural*

*Resources (“NCDENR”) Liaison to North Carolina Department of*

*Transportation (“NCDOT”) and NCEJ Coordinator*

*Christine Lawson, Department of Water Quality, NCDENR*

*Dexter Matthews, Division of Solid Waste, NCDENR*

**6:00pm      Break**

**7:00pm      Dinner and Awards - Libation Ceremony**

### **Welcome**

*Rev. Vivian Lucas, Director*

*Franklinton Center at Bricks*



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### **THE FLORENZA MOORE GRANT COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AWARD**

*Presented by The Moore Grant Children*

### **THE STEVE WING INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AWARD**

*Presented by Chandra T. Taylor*

#### **Keynote Address**

*Sen. Angela Bryant - NC 4<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District*

*Representing Halifax, Nash, Vance, Warren, and Wilson Counties*

#### **8:00pm Film Showing & Social Hour**

##### ***Remembering Kearneytown***

*Presenter: Pavithra Vasudevan*

This collaborative video project explores the environmental history of Warren County through the eyes of a single community member and leader. Rev. Bill Kearney, assistant pastor at Coley Springs Baptist church located just two miles from the landfill site, calls for his community to reclaim the legacy of environmental justice and develop a healthy relationship to the environment.

##### ***...the Rest of the Story: Corporate Hog Farming in North Carolina***

*Presenter: Naeema Muhammad*

This video captures the stories of people who live near factory hog farms. They vividly describe how pollution and threats from the hog industry impact their daily lives. The video was made for NC General Assembly members in 2007 as they were deciding whether to maintain a ban on construction of hog facilities that use liquid waste lagoons and spray fields.

##### ***We Shall Not Be Moved: The Story of the Tillery Resettlement Community***

*Presenter: Gary R. Grant*

Through archival film and video footage, numerous historical photographs, and vibrant narratives of Tillery's elders, ***We Shall Not Be Moved*** shows how seeds of independence planted in the pre-Civil Rights era took root in movements for racial justice in the 1960's, and grew into fights against present-day environmental racism and economic marginalization.



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**8:00am Breakfast**

**8:45am Welcome and Opening Comments**

*Gary R. Grant, Director, NCEJN*

*Youth Summit (runs concurrently with NCEJN Summit)*

*Facilitators: Courtney Wood and Willie Wright*

**9:00am Building the Movement**

*Cynthia Brown, The Conservation Fund/The Sojourner Group*

**10:00am Break**

**10:15am Concurrent Sessions**

**Session A Title: Solid Waste Facility Siting**

*Facilitator: Chandra T. Taylor, Southern Environmental Law Center*

This panel will explore recent developments in community organizing to remedy the problems caused by landfills in communities, recent strategies in organizing against landfill siting, and new research correlating race and solid waste facility siting in North Carolina.

**Panelists:**

*David Caldwell – Rogers/Eubanks Road Neighborhood Association*

*Peter Gilbert - UNC Center for Civil Rights*

*Lewis Dozier – Royal Oak Concerned Citizens Association*



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### **Session B Title: Militarism, the Environment and Justice**

*Facilitator: Steve Wing, UNC School of Public Health*

This panel will explore the social, environmental and human health consequences of the military industrial complex. The U.S. Department of Defense is one of the largest landowners in the world, controlling thousands of military installations and operating above the law. On the home front, the massive investment in the US military has siphoned resources from education, health and social programs while poisoning communities and workers. This session will highlight examples from NC, the US and abroad, and discuss the intersection between military and environmental justice.

#### **Panelists:**

*Jill Johnston, Southwest Workers Union and University of North Carolina*

*Manzoor Cheema, Filmmaker and founder of Muslims for Social Justice*

### **Session C Title: “In the EJ Toolkit - Title VI of the Civil Right Act of 1964”**

*Facilitator: Omega Wilson, West End Revitalization Association (WERA), Mebane, NC*

Four questions that will be discussed at this panel:

1. What are other federal laws that go in the Title VI Environmental Justice Toolkit?
2. How can communities benefit when Title VI complaints are not investigated?
3. Who are NC communities that have filed Title VI complaints?
4. Why have so few communities filed formal complaints?

#### **Panelists:**

*Marianne Lado, Earthjustice*

*Minister Robert Campbell, Rogers and Eubanks Roads Association (RENA), Chapel Hill, NC*



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**11:45am Break**

**12 Noon Lunch**

### **Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

*Facilitator: Larry Baldwin, North Carolina CAFO Coordinator  
Waterkeeper Alliance*

***Speaker - Fred Tutman, Pawtuxet Riverkeeper***

**1:45pm Concurrent Sessions**

### **Session A Title: Energy Injustice**

*Facilitator: Chandra T. Taylor, Southern Environmental Law Center*

This panel will address how can we prevent and remedy the issues related to how vulnerable communities bear the burden of pollution from power generating facilities, but receive few of the benefits. Topics will include hydraulic fracturing, issues with Alcoa Hydropower for the operation of Alcoa Badin Works and the legacy of PCB Contamination in Stanly County, coal ash pollution and climate change.

### **Panelists:**

*Hope Taylor, Clean Water for North Carolina*

*Macy Hinson, Concerned Citizens of West Badin Community*

*Maria Savasta-Kennedy, UNC Clinical Professor of Law UNC Chapel Hill*

*Ronesha Johnson, Residents for Air Neutralization (RAN), Shreveport, Louisiana*



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### **Session B Title: Workplace Injustice**

*Facilitators: Saladin Muhammad, former IR, United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers Union, Black Workers For Justice (BWFJ)*

*Don Cavellini, Pitt County Coalition Against Racism (CAR), UE 150, and NCEJN*

McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's, and other fast food restaurants are part of a \$200 billion industry. Last year, McDonald's alone made \$5.5 billion. Despite this, most people who work in these stores make minimum wage or slightly higher, even after having worked there for many years.

It's impossible to raise a family, put food on the table, keep a roof over your head, get adequate medical care, or maintain even a basic standard of living on these poverty wages.

Working as many hours as they can get at some of the world's largest corporations, many of the workers in these restaurants are forced to rely on public assistance to sustain themselves and their families. Rather than pay workers a living wage, the fast food industry uses the social safety net to subsidize their profits and poverty wages.

### **Panelists:**

*Carolina Workers Organizing Committee (CWOC), recently organizing Fast Food workers, “Forward Together, Not One Step Back” (Moral Monday) arrestees: Larsene Taylor, Willie Roberts and others to discuss Workplace Democracy and the First Amendment right to protest.*



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### **Session C Title: Industrial Animal Production**

*Facilitator: Naeema Muhammad, BWFJ*

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) facilities, including hogs, poultry and cattle, are a major source of pollution in North Carolina and they are disproportionately located in communities of color and low-income. CAFOs threaten the health of workers and people living near these facilities. During this session you will hear environmental advocates describe what is happening on the ground and what actions have been taken or can be taken to try to get some relief in NC.

#### **Panelists:**

*Larry Baldwin, Waterkeeper Alliance*

*Joycelyn D'Ambrosio, EarthJustice*

*Victor Smith, Rural Empowerment Association for Community Help (REACH)*

- 3:15pm Break**
- 3:30pm Concurrent Session Reports**
- 4:15pm Youth Summit Report**
- 4:45pm Closing**