# 2024 Iowa Environmental Council Annual Conference Schedule at a Glance

(All sessions take place at the Olmsted Center at Drake University. Continuing Legal Education sessions noted with *)

| | Pathways to Change<br>Parents Hall South | Healthy Environment, Healthy Iowa<br>Parents Hall North | Growing Environmental Justice in Iowa<br>Pomerantz Stage, Main Level | *Legal Engagement for Impact<br>Sussman Theater, Lower Level |
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| 8:00-9:00 a.m. | Registration, Coffee, and Pastries | | *Climate Change Impact on Mental Health – Ryan Crane | *Central Iowa Source Water Assessment and FERC Nuts and Bolts – John Norris |
| 9:00-9:15 a.m. | Welcome | | | |
| 9:15-10:15 a.m. | *KEYNOTE: Flint Fights Back: Environmental Justice and Democracy in the Flint Water Crisis – Dr. Benjamin Pauli<br>Parents Hall North | | | |
| 10:15-10:30 a.m. | Break and Exhibitor Exploration – Conference Room, Second Level | | | |
| 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Solutions to Nitrate Pollution – Sarah Green, Mike Schmidt, Jeffrey S. Broberg, Dani Replogle | Renewables and Myth-Busting – Jordan Oster, Veronica Ung-Kono, David Osterberg, Kristi Dahl Rogers | An Introduction to Environmental Justice in Iowa – Cody Smith, Charles Pearson, Ted Corrigan, Manisha Paudel, Tamara Marcus | *Public Trust Doctrine: Raccoon River Case – Brent Newell |
| 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Lunch and Networking in Lounge Areas<br>Lunch, Networking, Exhibitor Exploration | *Wetlands in Iowa – Judith E. Joyce | *Hot Topics: Climate Change Impact on Iowa and Beyond – Channing Dutton | Threats to Protections for Iowa's Land and Water – Katie Garvey, Jon Devine |
| 12:30-12:45 p.m. | Break, Movement Time, and Exhibitor Exploration – Conference Room, Second Level | | | |
| 12:45-1:45 p.m. | Legal Questions for a Renewable Future – Blake Rupe, Josh Mandelbaum, Kathy Law, Jennifer Rhuppiah | Coal Impacts in Iowa – More than Climate – Steve Guyer, Sikowis Nobiss, Karin Stein, Kerri Johannsen | Opening Doors for Iowans through Federal Funding – Kimberly Baxter, Cody Smith, Allison Riley, Theresa Enright, Amy Bhesania | *Supreme Court Overturning Chevron Doctrine: Overview and Panel – Ann Kendell |
| 1:45-2:15 p.m. | Break and Exhibitor Exploration – Conference Room, Second Level | | | |
| 2:15-3:15 p.m. | *Iowa Wind Energy Project Development – Kathy Law | Cancer and the Environment – David Courard-Hauri, Dr. Richard L. Deming, Dr. Sarah Nash, Dave Cweirtny | *EPA Region 7 Environmental Justice Update – Dave Cozad | *DEI Initiatives – Claudia Schabel |
| 3:15-3:30 p.m. | Break and Exhibitor Exploration – Conference Room, Second Level | | | |
| 3:30-4:30 p.m. | PLENARY PANEL: Building Power for Change – Tom Philpott, Ahna Kruzic, Malycki Mañon-Soza, Charlie Wishman, Emma Colman<br>Parents Hall North | | | |

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*Climate Change Impact on Mental Health:
Ryan Crane, Executive Director, NAMI Iowa

*Central Iowa Source Water Assessment and FERC Nuts and Bolts — John Norris, J.D., Polk County Administrator

Flint Fights Back: Environmental Justice and Democracy in the Flint Water Crisis — Dr. Benjamin Pauli, Associate Professor of Social Science at Kettering University, Board President of the Environmental Transformation Movement of Flint

Solutions to Nitrate Pollution:

- Sarah Green, Executive Director, Iowa Environmental Council
- Mike Schmidt, Staff Attorney, Iowa Environmental Council
- Jeffrey S. Broberg, Director, Minnesota Well Owners Organization; Minnesota Licensed Professional Geologist
- Dani Replogle, Staff Attorney, Food & Water Watch

Renewables and Myth-Busting

- Jordan Oster, Energy Program Associate Director, Iowa Environmental Council
- Veronica Ung-Kono, Staff Attorney and Clean Energy Transmission Policy Specialist, National Wildlife Federation
- David Osterberg, Emeritus Professor, Department of Occupational and Environmental Health, University of Iowa
- Kristi Dahl Rogers, Renewable Energy Attorney

An Introduction to Environmental Justice in Iowa

- Cody Smith, Director of Climate Initiatives, Iowa Environmental Council
- Charles Pearson, African American Historic Resource Consultant
- Ted Corrigan, CEO and General Manager, Des Moines Water Works
- Manisha Paudel, Chief Equity Officer, City of Des Moines
- Tamara Marcus, Owner, Empowered Solutions Collective

*Public Trust Doctrine: Raccoon River Case — Brent Newell, Environmental Justice Attorney

*Wetlands in Iowa — Judith E. Joyce, Senior Professional Wetland Scientist

*Hot Topics: Climate Change Impact on Iowa and Beyond — Channing Dutton, Attorney and Climate Activist

Threats to Protections for Iowa's Land and Water

- Katie Garvey, Staff Attorney, Environmental Law & Policy Center
- Jon Devine, Director, Freshwater Ecosystems, Natural Resources Defense Council

Legal Questions for a Renewable Future

- Blake Rupe, Program Director, Hubbell Environmental Law Initiative
- Josh Mandelbaum, Senior Attorney, Environmental Law & Policy Center
- Kathy Law, Attorney and Shareholder, Nyemaster Goode, P.C.
- Jennifer Rhuppiah, Regulatory Strategy Manager, ITC Midwest

Coal Impacts in Iowa — More than Climate

- Steve Guyer, Energy Policy Counsel, Iowa Environmental Council
- Sikowis Nobiss, Executive Director, Great Plains Action Society
- Karin Stein, Moms Clean Air Force Iowa Coordinator
- Kerri Johannsen, Energy Program Director, Iowa Environmental Council

Opening Doors for Iowans through Federal Funding

- Kimberly Baxter, Advocacy Bureau Chief, Office of Human Rights and Equity, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services
- Cody Smith, Director of Climate Initiatives, Iowa Environmental Council
- Alison Riley, Sustainability Planner, Polk County
- Theresa Enright, SRF Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- Amy Bhesania, Director, Environmental Justice, Community Engagement, and Environmental Review Division, EPA

*Supreme Court Overturning Chevron Doctrine: Overview and Panel — Ann Kendell, Special Counsel, Dentons Davis Brown

*Iowa Wind Energy Project Development — Kathy Law, Attorney and Shareholder, Nyemaster Goode, P.C.

Cancer and the Environment

- David Courard-Hauri, Professor of Environmental Science and Sustainability, Drake University
- Dr. Richard L. Deming, Medical Director, MercyOne Cancer Center and Founder, Above + Beyond Cancer
- Dr. Sarah Nash, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology; Director of Research, Analytics and Dissemination, Iowa Cancer Registry
- Dave Cweirtny, Director, Center for Health Effects of Environmental Contamination, University of Iowa

*EPA Region 7 Environmental Justice Update — Dave Cozad, Director, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, EPA Region 7

*DEI Initiatives — Claudia Schabel, President and CEO, Schabel Solutions

Building Power for Change

- Tom Philpott, Senior Research Associate, Center for a Livable Future at Johns Hopkins University; former correspondent for Mother Jones magazine
- Ahna Kruzic, Associate Director, Regenerative Agriculture Foundation
- Malycki Mañon-Soza, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director, Iowa State Bar Association
- Charlie Wishman, President, Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
- Emma Colman, Campaign Organizer with Sierra Club Iowa Beyond Coal

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