

# WEATHERING THE STORM: COURAGE IN CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND CLIMATE

Friday, November 14th

8:30 – 8:40 AM

## Welcome

Abby Novinska-Lois, MPH, Healthy Climate Wisconsin

8:40 – 9:05 AM

## Scientific Integrity and Difficult Truths: Climate Health Vital Signs

Joel Charles, MD, MPH, Kickapoo Valley Medical Clinic

9:05 – 10:35 AM

## Solidarity and Cooperation: Cross-sector Perspectives and Approaches

Bradley Geyer, Veterans for Peace

Carly Ebben Eaton, PhD, WI State Policy Manager for Blue Green Alliance

Jennifer Gauthier, MPA, Director of SDI at the College of Menominee Nation

Kaden Crapp, Field Manager for Wisconsin Land and Liberty

Skylar Harris, JD, Fellow at the Midwest Environmental Advocates

10:35 – 10:55 AM | Break

11:05 – 12:30 PM

## Care & Compassion: Clinical and Community Case Studies on Wildfire Smoke and Heatwaves

- **Breakout 1: Clinicians, doctorates in nursing practice, physician assistants, pharmacists, and students**

Room: [Main Bemis/Hendrickson Dining Room](#)

Victoria Gillet, MD; John Meurer, MD, MBA; Elizabeth White, MD; Jonathan Temte, PhD, MD; Andrew Lewandowski, DO; Joanne Bernstein, MD

- **Breakout 2: Physical therapists, occupational therapists, and students**

Room: [20C \(downstairs\)](#)

Brittany Keyes, DPT; Kelly DeMarco, OTR/L, NBC-HWC; Nadia Kaczmarz; Lauren Denu, Will Jewell

- **Breakout 3: Public health workers and nurses, EMS, nonprofits, and community members**

Room: [114 CD](#)

Pamela Guthman, DNP, RN-BC, APHN; Marco Marquez; Julia Alberth, MPH

- **Breakout 4: Psychologists, social workers, therapists, and students**

Room: [20D \(downstairs\)](#)

Emily Walz, MD; Annie Carrell, NP

- **Breakout 5: Bedside nurses, nursing assistants, and students**

Room: [114 AB](#)

Eric Ido-Bruce, RN, BSN; Alexandria Zielinski, DNP, APNP; Cameron Kiersh, DNP

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12:30–1:30 PM

## Lunch

Award Ceremony begins at 1:00 PM

1:30–2:45 PM

## Inclusivity and Awareness: Building Healthy Houses, Towns & Ways to Get Around

Marco Marquez, Healthy Homes & Transportation, Healthy Climate Wisconsin  
Darin Wasniewski, MBA, Associate State Director of Community Outreach, AARP  
Todd Courtenay, PhD, Associate Director of Global Health..., UW–Madison  
Alex Galt, Clean Energy Connector at the City of Green Bay  
Briant Novinska Lois, MURP, Walk Audit Facilitation

2:45–3:00 PM

## Break

3:00–4:00 PM

## Innovation and Envisioning Healthier Systems

- **Breakout I: The Real Game of Life: Understanding Wisconsin's Utility Monopolies and PSC Regulation Through Play**

**Room: Main Bemis/Hendrickson Dining Room**

Julia Alberth, MPH, Health Equity Coordinator at Healthy Climate Wisconsin  
Berrit Goodman, MPH, Population Health Service Fellow  
Lori Gerstenfeld, MPH, Population Health Service Fellow

- **Reimagining Our Relationship to Food, Water, and Land**

**Room: 114 CD**

Alexandria Zielinski, DNP, APNP, Moderator  
Aaron Zeleske, Harbor District  
Jasia Steinmetz, PhD, RD, CD, Professor of Nutritional..., UW–Stevens Point  
Samual Odin, Owner of Village Farmstead in Oak Creek and organizer  
Scott Whalen, Chef

4:00–4:30 PM

## Bravery, Faith, and Sacrifice: From Grief to Civil Resistance

Reverend Jon Barker, Author and Preacher

4:30–4:50 PM

## Reflect & Connect: Takeaways from the Day

Abby Novinska-Lois, MPH, Healthy Climate Wisconsin  
Reverend Jon Barker, Author and Preacher

5:00–6:00 PM

## Refreshments & Posters



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Saturday, November 15th

8:30–10:00 AM

## Resourcefulness and Resilience: Emergency Flooding Scenario Tabletop

Melissa Schmitz, CEM, LEED GA, Resiliency Coordinator, City of Green Bay  
Frani O'Toole, MUP, Emergency Preparedness..., Milwaukee Health Department

10:00–10:15 AM

## Break

10:15–11:10 AM

## Leadership and Curiosity

- **Breakout 1: Bringing Climate into the Clinic: Reducing Pollution and Costs**

Room: 114 CD

Taylor Kirby, Epic, Leveraging your EMR to Promote Sustainable Care  
Nestor E Machare-Delgado, MD, MSCR, Choosing Low-carbon Inhalers  
Claire Gervais, MD, Organizing an Ambulatory Surgical Center Sustainability Certification  
Alan Eber, MBA, Eeneration, How to Pitch your Leadership or Facilities Team

- **Breakout 2: Rural Communication & Organizing**

Room: Main Bemis/Hendrickson Dining Room

Scott Laeser, Senior Working Lands Advisor for Rural Climate Partnership  
Tara Greiman, Director of Conservation and Stewardship, WI Farmers Union  
Elizabeth White, MD, Emplify Health

11:10–11:15 AM

## Transition Time

11:15 –12:15 PM

## The Quest for Transparency and Fairness: Data Centers

Room: Main Bemis/Hendrickson Dining Room

Moderator: Caidon Iwuagwu, Medical Student  
Michael Greif, JD, Fellow with Midwest Environmental Advocates  
Paula Pintar, MSN, RN, Infection Preventionist and Caledonia Organizer  
Prescott Balch, Caledonia Organizer  
Emily Luy Tan, Public Health Researcher and Beaver Dam Organizer  
Brittany Keyes, PT, DPT, ATC, Clean Air Manager, Healthy Climate Wisconsin

12:15–1:00 PM

## Lunch

1:00–1:30 PM

## Grounding and Playfulness

- **Breakout 1: Meditation**

Room: Main Bemis/Hendrickson Dining Room

Stuart Jones, MD, Associate Professor at the UW Department of Psychiatry

- **Breakout 2: Yoga**

Room: 20 CD

Roxane Gorbach, APNP, Nurse Practitioner and Kripalu Yoga Teacher



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1:30–1:35 PM | Transition Time

1:35–2:50 PM | Leadership and Growth: Countering Disinformation, Public Narrative, and Community Advocacy

Room: Main Bemis/Hendrickson Dining Room

Abby Novinska-Lois, MPH; Jed Downs, MD, MPH; Jonathan Patz, MD, MPH, Alex Kalfayan, John Meurer, MD, MBA

2:50–3:45 PM | Dignity, Heart, and Honesty: Oaths and Ethics

Katie McShea, Medical Student; Stuart Jones, MD; Joel Charles, MD, MPH; Pamela Guthman, DNP, RN-BC, APHN

3:45 PM | Adjourn

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