

**Black Women's Health
&
Environmental Justice
Symposium**

April 25-26, 2008

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Friday, April 25

- 8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Introductions
- 9-10:30 **Opening Plenary:** "Black Feminist Perspectives on Women's Health and the Environment" Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Spelman College
- 10:30-45 **BREAK**
- 10:45-12:15 **Panel I – Our Bodies, Our Cities, Our Future:** Kimberly Morland, "Disparities in accesses to healthy food and influence on health," Luretha Sanyo-Mensah, Sister-Song, Atlanta, Syracuse Community Health Center — Photovoice Project
- 12:15-1:45 **LUNCH**
- 1:45-3:15 **Panel II – New Approaches to Mental Health Research**
Mike Spencer, "Using Photovoice and Community Bases Participatory Research to Examine the Impact of Environmental Hazards on the Well-Being of Young African American Children in Detroit," Diane Brown
- 3:15-30 **BREAK**
- 3:30-4:30 **Panel III – Framing Environmental Justice as Human Right:** Sheila Foster, "Social Capital & Environmental Justice in Urban Neighborhoods," Monique Harden, Vernice Miller, April Baptiste, "Environmental Perceptions and concerns through the eyes of rural women: A Human Rights Perspective"
- 5:00 – 7:00 **Justice Tour of Greater Syracuse—**
6 stops

Saturday, April 26

- 8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 9-10:30 **Plenary: Health is a Human Right**
A Community Panel: Louise Poindexter and Marva Hudson: "Environmental Risks Linked to Asthma and Lead Poisoning," Teresita Mann, "HIV Awareness and Communities of Color," Jeanne Shenandoah—Onondaga Nation, "Environmental Degradation and Cultural Disruption"
- 10:30-10:45 **BREAK**
- 10:45-12:15 **Session V – AAS Graduate Students Panel:** Asha Best, Ingrid Butler, Jessica Mitchell
- 12:15-1:45 **LUNCH**
- 1:45-3:15 **Session IV - Environmental Justice & the Arts: Pedagogical Significance and Challenges:** Jan Cohen Cruz— Director, Imagining America, SU "Art in a Community's Ecosystem: New Orleans' 7th Ward," Micere Mugo—SU, "The Applicability of Africana Orature Ethics and Aesthetics to Health and Environmental Justice." Fereshteh Toosi—SU, "Up the Creek,"
- 3:15-3:30 **BREAK**

April 26—cont.

- 3:30-3:45 Ananya Chatterjea, Ananya Dance Theatre, "Artistic Journeys: Performance and Social Justice in Communities of Color"
- 3:45-5:00 **Closing Plenary:** Johnnella Butler, Spelman College "Prospects and Challenges in Building Community/ University Partnerships for Environmental Justice"
- 5:00 **DINNER**
- 7:00 Performance by Ananya Dance Theatre
DAAK: Call to Action (Land Rights Appropriations and Global Communities of Color)

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