



northwest toxic
communities coalition



A Message from the President

Members of the NWTCC recognize that we live in a polluted world and like it or not (and of course we don't) eventually we accumulate some of those pollutants. As health advocates we do our part to protect others often at the expense of our own health. So this year the NWTCC Board decided that the focus of our 2019 Summit should not only be on remedial techniques to clean up our communities, but also on remedial techniques to clean up our bodies.



We are excited to invite you to join us on April 27th at the UW-SRP campus to learn about novel remedial research, body detoxification, and the effects of toxic pollutants on the developing brain.

The NWTCC has made arrangements to provide lodging for a limited number of out-of-town attendees. If you are in need of lodging Saturday night please [contact us](#) as soon as possible as rooms are limited and will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

More details to follow. In the meanwhile, please plan to attend.

We look forward to seeing there!

Patty Martin
NWTCC President

NWTCC Summit April 27th -- Save the Date

9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Lunch and dinner provided.
\$10 registration fee.

Confirmed speakers include:
Dr. Bruce Lanphear -- Simon Fraser University
Dr. Stuart Strand -- UW-SRP
Dr. Margie Ikeda -- Naturopath



2018 Summit Participants



Dr. Bruce Lanphear to speak at NWTCC Summit:

The Northwest Toxic Communities Coalition Summit on April 27, welcomes Dr. Bruce Lanphear, a noted expert on the distinct differences in children's health risk and a faculty member in the department of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia. His presentation will be titled, "Little Things Matter: The Impact of Toxic Chemicals on the Developing Brain."

It is a timely subject because until the 90s, EPA and other agencies calculated health risks based only on studies of adult males. Health risk to children was not considered until 1996 and then only because congress mandated it. EPA nonetheless has been slow to accept studies pointing to negative effects of pollution on children. Then in September, ["the EPA abruptly placed Ruth Etzel, its highest-ranking \(and most tenacious\) advocate for children's health, on administrative leave. It was...an attempt to purge the science that has established compelling evidence of environmental harms to the neurological development of children throughout the country"](#)

Dr. Lanphear is currently principal investigator for a study examining fetal and early childhood exposures to prevalent environmental neurotoxins including lead, pesticides, mercury, alcohol, PCB's and environmental tobacco smoke. A component of the study is the investigation of the contribution of residential hazards and residential injuries to children's health. This project recently received funding to follow the original birth cohort, until the children are five years of age. This will allow follow-up for determining the efficacy of lead hazard controls on children's blood lead levels and their risk for learning and behavioral problems. Dr. Lanphear has extensive experience conducting community-based trials, including lead poisoning prevention, epidemiology of asthma, prevention of exposure to tobacco smoke and measurement of lead and allergens in housing.

NWTCC looks forward to hosting Dr. Lanphear and learning more about this important subject.

Advances in Bioremediation in 2019

Howard Sprouse of the Remediators Incorporated will discuss their recent developments and changes within the environmental industry that are ushering in a new age in bioremediation. The Remediators is recognized for their contribution in this industry as early developers of mycoremediation, the use of fungi to clean up environmental pollutants.

Have action alerts or other information that you would like to share with members of the Northwest Toxic Communities Coalition? Please send these and other comments to: toxiccommunities@gmail.com.

Please forward this newsletter to other individuals and groups working to protect their communities from toxic substances. Thank you.

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