

SYMPOSIUM
Sowing New Seeds: Justice and Environmentalism
Thursday, March 25 and Friday, March 26, 2010
Haverford College
370 Lancaster Avenue
Haverford, Pennsylvania, 19041

This event is sponsored by the President's Social Justice Speaker Series, Haverford's Center for Peace and Global Citizenship, and the Greater Philadelphia Women's Studies Consortium.

Beginning with a keynote address by Dr. Robert Bullard, whose research on environmental racism and urban land use helped launch the environmental justice movement in the United States, this one-and-a-half-day symposium brings together leading social scientists, legal scholars and activists to explore the tensions between the environmental movement and social justice concerns. Topics to be covered include

- the cultivation of grassroots democracy
- the role of transnational economic interests
- building sustainable communities
- legacies of feminist activism
- the reverberation of "natural" disasters

"Sowing New Seeds" culminates in a day-long series of panels featuring both local and translocal perspectives on environmental politics, and workshops focusing on the future of the environmental movement through student activism. A tentative schedule is available below.

Thursday, March 25

4:30 – 6:00 Keynote: **Robert Bullard**: "Growing Smarter to Achieve Just and Sustainable Communities"

Location: KINSC Sharpless Auditorium

Friday, March 26

9:00 – 10:15 **Breakfast Workshop on building an Environmental Studies**

Location: Stokes 104/CPGC Café

10:30 – 12:00 **Environmental Justice, Law, and Grassroots Democracy**

Location: Stokes Auditorium

Speakers:

Romand Coles, Frances B. McAllister Endowed Chair and Director of Program for Community, Culture, and Environment at Northern Arizona University

Talk: "Edgy Environments: Higher Education, Civic Engagement, and Transformative Justice"

Gavin Kearney, Director, Environmental Justice, New York Lawyers for the Public Interest

Talk: "Community Lawyering in New York City: The Role of Legal Advocacy in the Environmental Justice Movement"

- 12:15 – 1:30 **Lunchtime Panel: Responding to Unnatural Disasters: From Port au Prince to Paraiba to Philadelphia**
Location: Whitehead Campus Center 313
Moderator: **Theresa Tensuan**, Assistant Professor of English and Coordinator of the Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, Haverford College
Johanna Berrigan, Catholic Worker Free Clinic, Kensington Philadelphia and Klinik Sen Michal, Port au Prince
Loreley Gomes Garcia, Federal University of Paraiba, Joao Pessoa, Brazil /Fulbright Fellow at Temple University
Desire Grover, founder of Chester Youth Perspective and collaborative partner with Peace on the Streets and Peace on Earth
- 1:30 – 3:00 **New Visions of Environmental Sustainability: Workshops on Movement Building and New Directions in Environmental Activism**
Location: Whitehead Campus Center 205A & 205B
Workshop A: Building Sustainable Communities/205A
Moderator: **Rachel Tayler, '11**
Panelists: **Maryanne Berthel**, Ursinus College, "Communicating Complexity"
Trevor Curran and **Adam Schmidt**, St. Joseph's University "Sustainability initiatives"
Andrew Bostick, Haverford, "Building Community/Gardens"
Jesse Marshall and **Sarah Scheub**, Swarthmore, the Good Food project
Annie Tague, Haverford, "E-haus"
Workshop B: The Politics of Food/205B
Moderator: **Rachel Kobasa, '13**
Panelists: **Jenny Akchin**, Swarthmore member of The Chester Garden Project and producer of the documentary "Searching for Justice in Chester"
Mary Welsh, Haverford House, "Witnesses to Hunger"
Rob Williams, Haverford, "From Local Farms to Global Food: The Politics of Gardening"
- 3:00 – 3:15 Break
- 3:30 – 5:00 **Translocal Justice and the Future of the Environmental Movement**
Location: Stokes Auditorium
Speakers:
Paul Wapner, Associate Professor, and Director of the Global Environmental Politics Program in the School of International Service at American University, Washington DC.
Title of Talk: "The Future of Environmentalism: From Nature to Justice."

Saleem Ali, Associate Professor of Environmental Planning at the University of Vermont and is also on the adjunct faculty of Brown University's Watson Institute for International Studies.
Title of Talk: "Need and Greed: Making the Environmental Justice Connection"
- 5:00 – 5:15 Break
- 5:15 – 6:00 **Round Table**