

WOMEN'S HEALTH & THE ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 4, 2023

WELCOME ADDRESS & AWARD PRESENTERS

Luis Pardo



WWLA leadership and day-to-day strategizing begins with Executive Director Luis Pardo, who has served in that role since 2010, and is at the forefront of tireless advocacy for the organization, its community partners and the clients it serves. He's responsible for oversight of the organization as well as its ongoing infrastructure.

Janet Pregler, MD



Janet P. Pregler, M.D. is the Iris Cantor Endowed Chair of Women's Health at UCLA and general internist who directs the Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Center. She has developed educational programs on women's health and collaborated with community experts for medically underserved populations. In 2017, she was recognized as "Woman of the Year" in the health by the LA County .

MEET OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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Nalleli Cobo



Nalleli, 22, co-founded People Not Pozos, which aims to secure a safe and healthy neighborhood, and the South Central Youth Leadership Coalition, which focuses on environmental racism in the community. Nalleli led a citizens' movement that shut down an oil drilling site and initiated the process to phase out the largest urban oil field in the US.

Moisés Moreno-Rivera



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BREAST HEALTH & THE ENVIRONMENT

9:40AM - 10:20AM

MODERATOR

Luz Chacon



Luz Chacón, MPH is a Wellness Coach & Consultant with more than 30 years of experience implementing community health promotion programs. She is the founder of Live-Work Well, a business that offers personal and workplace wellness services.

PANELIST

Monic Uriarte



Monic Uriarte, a dedicated and passionate Community Health Promoter, has spent the past 26 years at the forefront of transformative change within the Esperanza Community Housing Corporation. She is a pioneer advocate for the LA Healthy Homes Project.

PANELIST

Mireya Muñoz



As Program Director at PALS for Health, Ms. Munoz works arduously to improve the quality of life by providing an array of services that alleviate cultural and linguistic barriers to healthcare access. She is an experienced and trained health care interpreter

PANELIST

Rosie Mainella



Rosie Mainella, has been part of the Every Woman Counts team since 2011. She passionately educates all who want to learn about breast and cervical cancer early detection, prevention and risk reduction.

MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY

10:30AM - 11:20AM

MODERATOR

Dr. Mayra Serrano



Dr. Mayra Serrano is the Health Equity Director at Anthem Blue Cross California. Her work as a scholar activist is focused on amplifying the voices of underserved populations through coalition building, advocacy training, and capacity building.

PANELIST

Linda Escalante



Escalante is a renowned environmental expert in the U.S.-based Spanish language—empowering and mobilizing Latinos to engage in advocacy and activism around environmental and health issues.

PANELIST

Ruth Andrade



Ruth Andrade is a long time resident of South Los Angeles and for more than 30 years she has been an activist and grassroots leader in her community. She continues to fight for a healthier environment at SCOPE and encourages others to get involved.

PANELIST

Veronica Flores



Veronica Flores currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Rising Communities an anchor institution serving the communities of South Los Angeles and beyond. She focuses on disrupting the inequitable systems that drive disparities.

EXPOSURES AT HOME, WORK, AND IN THE COMMUNITY

11:20AM - 12:20PM

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Michelle Romero-Fishback

PANELISTS

Rosario Quintanilla



Michelle is a PhD graduate in Environmental Health Sciences from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. She currently works for the Department of Toxic Substances Control as part of the Safer Consumer Products Program. Her interests include personal care products and environmental justice.



Rosario Quintanilla has served the U.S. FDA for 30+ years as a Public Affairs Specialist. She has spearheaded and coordinated all communication with FDA's diverse publics and strategized, implemented, and delivered programs covering public health messages to at-risk populations.

LUNCHEON PROMOTORA PANEL

1:15PM - 1:45PM

MODERATOR

Alejandra Martinez



Alejandra Martinez is the CEO and co-founder of Promotoras for Better Health, a nonprofit organization that provides training and support to community health workers who offer health education to the Latino community.

PANELIST

Hilda Baltazar Garcia



Hilda García Baltazar is passionate and deeply committed to the well-being of the Latino community. Hilda has facilitated more than 2,400 workshops on sexual and reproductive health over as an advocate for Planned Parenthood LA.

PANELIST
Leticia Ortiz



Leticia Ortiz has been a promotora since 2014. She has experience in projects related to the environmental impact of oil drilling on the community, breast cancer, COVID-19, and domestic violence.

PANELIST

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MAKING YOUR OWN NON-TOXIC CLEANING SOLUTION DEMONSTRATION

1:45PM - 2:45PM

PRESENTER

Maria Bejarano



María Bejarano is a Community Health Promoter. She graduated in 1996 from the Esperanza Community Health Promoters Program. Esperanza Community Housing Corp. is a nonprofit social justice organization in South Central Los Angeles. Currently, she is the Manager of the Healthy Homes Program. Healthy Homes is a program that focuses on the prevention of lead poisoning, the eradication of pests through the IPM (Integrated Pest Management) method and asthma. She is married, has 4 children and 2 grandchildren. She is originally from the State of Colima Mexico. Her motto is "Small changes make a big difference."