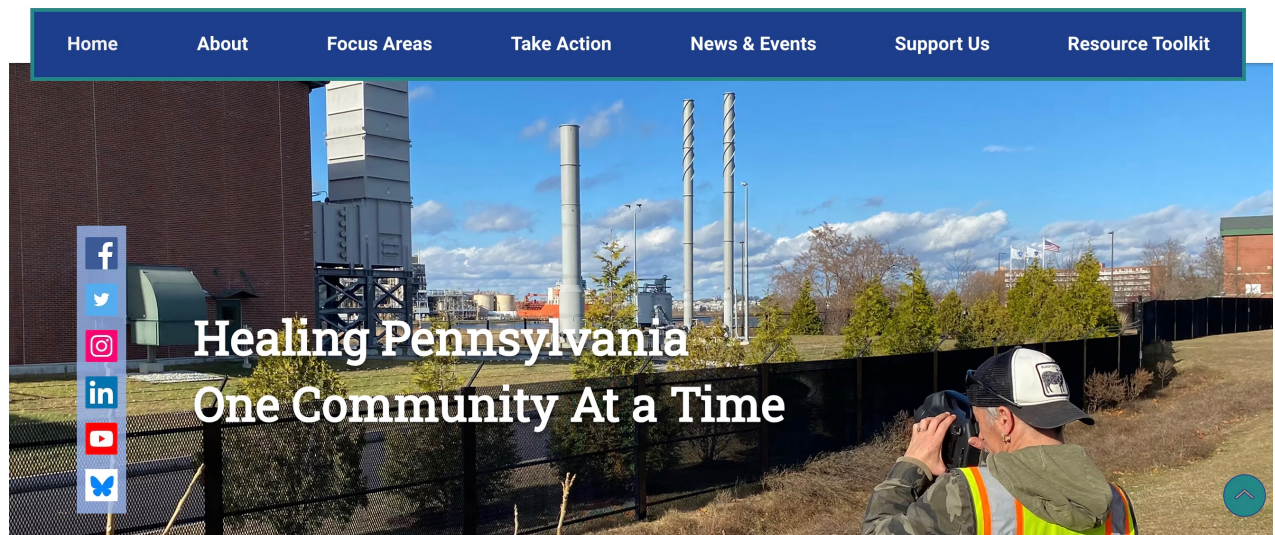


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News and Events



PSR PA New Website!!

[Check it out!](#) If the old site pops up refresh your page.

The People's Cancer Incidence Screening Tool (PCIST): Because Cancer is Not Our Destiny

Ever wonder about cancer rates in your community but struggle to get answers? PCIST is the People's Cancer Incidence Screening Tool, a newly developed public health resource for Pennsylvania residents. It was first created in January 2025 as a partnership between Lauren Minsky, an environmental health historian at Haverford College, and organized groups of concerned citizens in southeastern Delaware county. In this environmental justice region, community members – led by Zulene Mayfield and Nolan Fontaine at Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living (CRCQL), and joined by Echo Alford, Thom Nixon and Lora Snyder at Marcus Hook Area Neighbors for Public Health (MHANPH) – were seeking information about cancer incidence in their local municipalities, townships,

and boroughs. They had valid concerns that multiple pollutant exposures – stemming from major oil and gas refineries, waste incinerators, and chemical plants – were causing cancers to become more prevalent among their families and neighbors, including their children and youth. However, they kept hearing that “there is no local cancer data” or “that’s impossible data to get” or “things like that come down to random chance”.

Read the entire article on [the blog](#).



Molly McVety/PhillyVoice

On Aug 20, [PSR PA celebrated](#) alongside 6 partner groups and our lawyers at Earthjustice for reaching a proposed settlement with PGW in their rate case at the PA Public Utilities Commission. PGW had proposed at \$105 million rate increase, a weather normalization adjustment, and a revenue guarantee, which would have resulted in artificially propping up their fossil fuel-based revenue and charging customers more as they use less. Through the case, which included a [robust public outcry](#) and a [test of intervening groups' first Amendment rights](#), PGW agreed to a [proposed settlement](#) which includes lowering its rate increase, capping its weather normalization adjustment, and PGW has thrown out completely the revenue adjustment which would have charged customers more for using less. Next, Philadelphia Gas Commission members will vote on whether to adopt a [regulation that bars community groups from intervening](#) in PGW's budget processes. We continue to advocate that the Gas Commission support maximum public participation at this crucial time and that local legislators take seriously the need for a long term transition plan that replaces PGW's fossil fuel business model with a [sustainable methane-free heating solution](#), especially as Philadelphians have experienced 4 gas-based home explosions in the last 7 years. Learn more at psrpa.org/transitioningpgw

The Myth of the Altruistic Energy Industry: A Boot on the Neck of the Underserved

"The boot on your neck is just as likely to make you delusional as it is to ennoble."

~ Ta-Nehisi Coates

The current mission of Amazon, Blackstone, and other big companies to expand energy infrastructure in Pennsylvania comes with a cynical rallying cry - "[We will empower](#) underserved communities with the promise of industry and economic opportunity!" Communities will be *empowered* as more money is invested in their schools. Communities will be *empowered* because the land they sit upon will finally be made fruitful! But will communities really be *empowered* when the wealth pulled from their home is exported elsewhere?

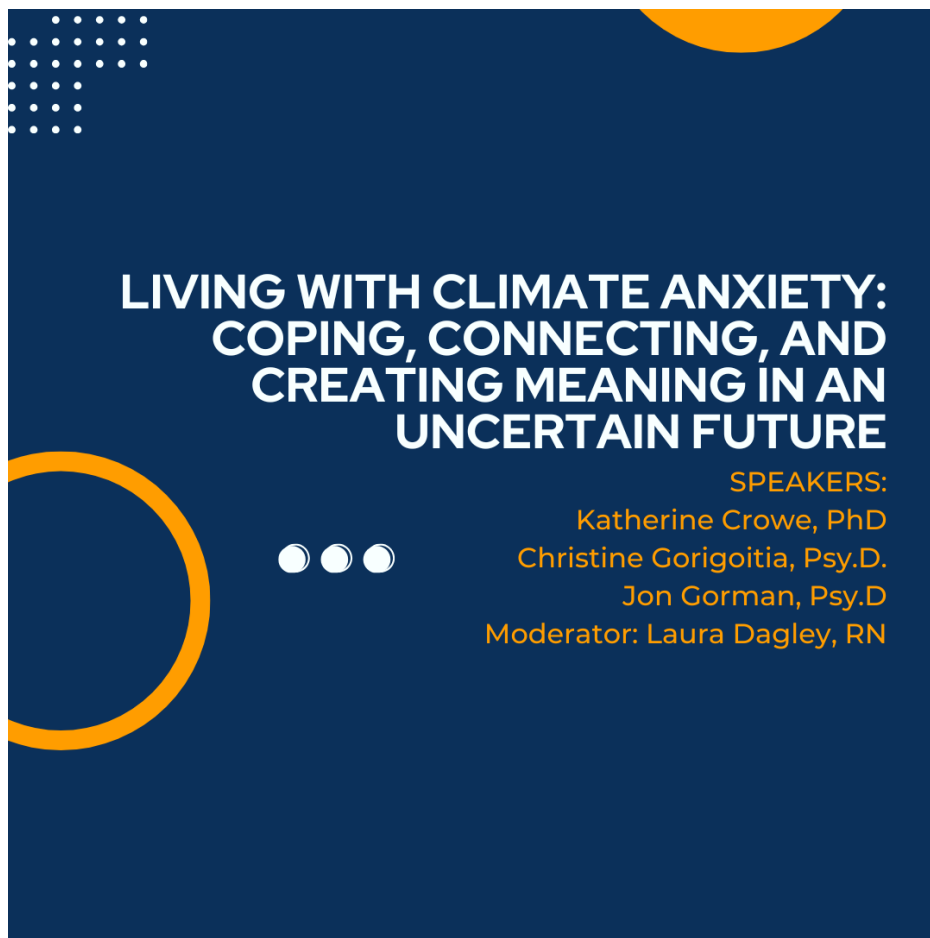
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September 16th at 7pm

Join PSR PA and speaker Megan Wolff, PhD, MPH as we discuss the wide ranging health risks and potential impacts of Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), also known as "forever chemicals" that are found in plastics worldwide. PFAS impact our hormones, which can create wide ranging health outcomes related to obesity, infertility, and cancer. Learn how to protect your family and communities, and what actions we can take to call for stronger protections and restrictions on the widespread use of forever chemicals.

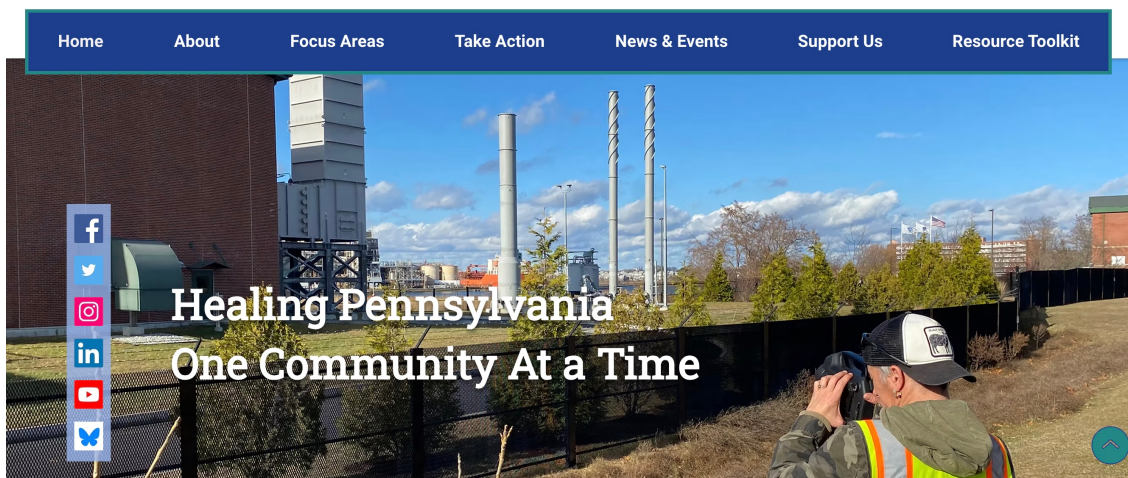
Register here: <https://lu.ma/4xyl4yw7>



September 30th at 6pm

Join Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania (PSR PA) for a timely conversation on the mental and emotional toll of climate change, timed with the release of our new Emotional Toll Report. This webinar will explore eco-anxiety, climate grief, and their impacts on youth and adults—particularly in communities already burdened by environmental hazards.

Register here: <https://luma.com/zpieny8t>



Thirty-five years have passed since the founding of the Harrisburg Peace Garden. Now an iconic symbol of the city and the region, it has served as a gift to the community and

a call for peace and good will since 1990. Now it's time again to celebrate the spirit that led Jim and Sandy Jones and Physicians for Social Responsibility to establish the Garden with the city's blessing, and the people responsible for its endurance.

Register and pay online (by Oct. 4) at hbgpeacegarden.org

Other News & Events



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Denise Trabbic-Painter, CHMM Emeritus
- **Unveiling PFAS: Understanding Forever Chemicals and Their Impact**
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- **Air Pollution and Heart Disease: What Are the Risks and What Can We Do About It?**
Dr. Tammy Dugas, Everett D. Besch Professor, LSU
- **Old and Obsolete: Why Louisiana's Air Quality Laws Don't Protect Your Health**
Dr. Kimberly Terrell, Research Scientist, Environmental Integrity Project
- **Breathless, Burned, and Submerged: The Hidden Health Costs of a Changing Climate**
Sheila Modi, MD, Assistant Professor, UT Southwestern Medical Center; Folashade Afolabi, MD, FAAP, Associate Professor UT Southwestern Medical Center; and Anusha Govind, MD, FIDSA, Assistant Professor, UT Southwestern Medical Center
- **Tropicalization and Human Health**
Dr. Keim, Professor, Director of the Environmental Health, Climate, and Sustainability Program at the LSU Health Sciences Center
- **Climate, Hazards and Other Challenges Faced by Underserved Communities and Recommendations to Foster Disaster Resilience**
Dr. Adrienne Katner, Associate Professor in Environmental Health, Climate and Sustainability, LSU School of Public Health

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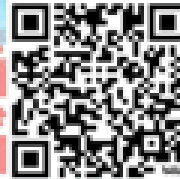
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4836 Ellsworth Ave, Pgh 15213

Registration appreciated

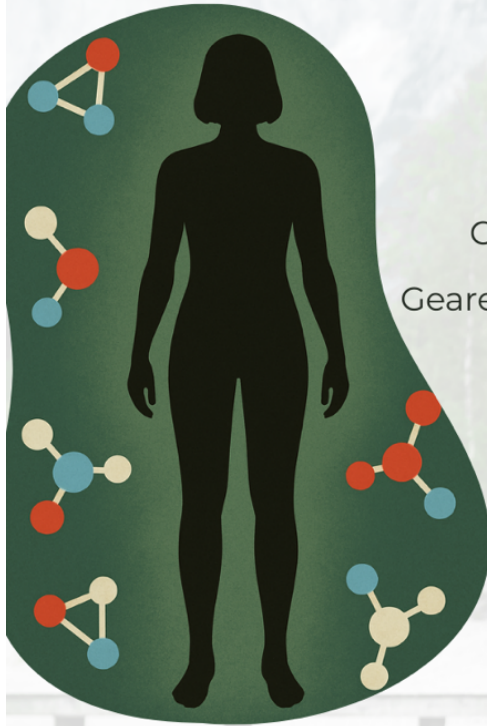
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Facebook event page!

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