

Conference Purpose:

This conference is organized to bring together community representatives, academic scientists, and government and private research agencies and funders in the field of environmental and public health to facilitate a dialogue on important research ethics issues. Through case study presentations and panel discussions, the conference organizers seek to generate new recommendations, tools and resources for dealing with the difficult challenges of the research ethics issues identified below.

Conference Panels - May 30 – June 1, 2002

Panel One

Research Protections and Institutional Needs

This panel will identify research protections needed for communities lacking experience with community-based research (CBR). Finding funding for CBR and recruiting appropriate research partners are major challenges. This panel will review models of community experiences with research protections and research partners. It will also explore the possibilities of establishing regional community research centers or new university programs for community-based research.

Panel Two

Promoting Community (Group) Rights in Research

This panel will consider the problems of community/groups rights in research. Few guidelines and regulations exist to protect group or community rights in research. The complexities of establishing community rights, such as defining community, building community authority, mediating community differences, will be discussed. How these can be promoted with funders and IRBs and effect national research policy changes will be explored.

Panel Three

Reshaping Science for Environmental and Public Health

Communities are demanding new changes to science that would overcome the narrow limitations of solely quantitative research outcomes. This panel will offer presentations on holistic models of science, including Native science where social, spiritual and other qualitative impacts are assessed as part of the research activity. Democratic knowledge production and the historical problems of ethics in western science will be highlighted.

Panel Four

Perspectives on the Status of Funding Community-Researcher Partnerships

This panel will address two major challenges to community research ethics. These include (1) how to help communities have more access to research funding and to have grants go directly to their organizations and (2) how do we make more funding available for preparing communities for research - building infrastructure, learning benefits/risks of research, and research ethics. Various presentations will be offered to address resolutions to these long-standing problems.

Panel Five

Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) and Institutional Protections

IRBs all over the country are grappling with the problems of community rights. Presentations and discussion will be offered on how IRBs can be more prepared for evaluating community rights in research and the major challenges still to be addressed.

Panel Six

Research Ethics and Community Partnerships

Community partnerships are critical to improving research ethics and dealing with environmental and public health problems. This panel will review progress in the field for making these partnerships successful. This includes new work on (1) research life cycle approaches to partnerships (2) current successful partnerships in participatory action research and CBR (3) strategies and considerations in finding the right research partners and (4) understanding the contexts, values and knowledge traditions of our partners for consensual decision-making.

Caucuses/Affinity Groups

Participants may organize caucus or affinity group discussions on issues of their specific interests. These will be organized on Friday evening.

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Research Ethics in Environmental /Public Health

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: _____
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MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

Day

Evening

Fax

E-Mail

Institutional Affiliation (Group)

Arrival Date: _____ Time _____

Departure Date: _____

Please check a category below:

Community Representative _____

Scientist _____

Student _____

Government Representative _____

Other _____

Conference Fee: \$75. (waived for community representatives). Please make check payable to: Syracuse University

Mail Registration to: Research Ethics Conference
c/o Dianne Quigley, 501 Hall of Languages
Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244

Conference Time Schedule

Friday, May 30, 2003

- 6:00 - 6:30 pm **Welcome**
6:30 - 7:15 pm **Keynote Speaker**
7:15 - 8:30 pm **Refreshments and
Conversations**

Saturday, May 31, 2003

- 8:30 - 8:40 am **Cultural presentation**
8:40 - 9:00 am **Mini-plenary: overview of
panels and caucuses**
9:00 - 11:00 am **Panel (3 concurrent)**
11:00 - 11:15 am **Break**
11:15 - 12:30 pm **Caucuses**
12:30 - 1:45 pm **LUNCH**
1:45 - 3:45 pm **Panel (3 concurrent)**
3:45 - 4:00 pm **Break**
4:00 - 6:00 pm **Panel (3 concurrent)**

Sunday, June 1, 2003

- 8:30 - 10:30 am **Panels and Caucuses (4
concurrent)**
10:30 - 10:45 am **Break**
10:45 - 11:45 am **Small groups for summaries**
11:45 - 1:00 pm **Closing plenary**

Conference Organizers/Discussion Leaders (to date)

Dianne Quigley, Syracuse University
Linda Silka, UMASS-Lowell
Steve Wing, UNC, Chapel Hill
Gary Grant, Concerned Citizens of Tillery
Phil Brown, Brown University
Penn Loh, Alternatives for Community and
Environment (ACE)
Dawn David, Akwesasne Task Force on the
Environment (ATFE)
Mary Arquette, ATFE
Doug Taylor, SE Community Research Center
Chris Camillo, Draw A Breath, Providence
Sheldon Krimsky, Tufts University
Ernest Wallwork, Syracuse University
Ann Gold, Syracuse University

Travel/Lodging Information

Travel scholarships are available for community representatives. Please see application form enclosed with lodging information about the suites of the Brown Inn. Other participants may reserve rooms at the Radisson Harbor Hotel, with discounted rates of \$ 99./night. Please ask for Brown Research Ethics Conference Rate.

**Radisson Harbor Hotel:
Tel. (800) 333-3333**

Project Website:

www.researchethics.org

Please see our website for case studies, articles, bibliographies, sample course syllabi and our interdisciplinary team collaborators on research ethics in environmental health.

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Providence, Rhode Island

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