

Café Scientifique: Community Engagement, Environmental Justice & Health

Presenter:

Sacoby Wilson, Assistant Professor and Director of Community Engagement, Environmental Justice, and Health (CEEJH), Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health, School of Public Health, University of Maryland

Time of Event:

Thursday, October 29, 2015 - 18:30

Location:

[49 West Coffeehouse, Wine Bar and Gallery](#) [1]

49 West Street
Annapolis, Maryland

The National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) organizes the Annapolis Café Scientifique—a place where, for the price of a cup of coffee or a glass of wine, anyone can come to explore the latest ideas in science and technology.

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Please note: seating is limited.

Reservations are strongly suggested and sometimes required depending on attendance. [Please call \(410\) 626-9796](#) to guarantee your seat or, just as importantly, to cancel your reservation so someone on the waitlist may attend.

Biography

[Dr. Sacoby Wilson](#) [2] is widely recognized for his leadership in environmental health and justice issues - both through his role as a researcher with expertise in exposure science, air pollution monitoring, and the role of the built environment in health outcomes and as an advocate for communities fighting for environmental, social, and economic justice. His advocacy for environmental justice depends on the empowerment of affected communities to have a voice and to confront environmental injustices. Dr. Wilson utilizes community-based participatory research methods in his work to build community capacity to address environmental health and justice issues. Through this approach, he is helping to cultivate "citizen scientists" who can participate in scientific discovery, education, and policy changes to solve real world problems.

For the past two years, he has been building a program on community engagement, environmental justice, and health to engage impacted communities, advocacy groups, and policy makers in Maryland and the Washington, DC, region on environmental justice issues and environmental health disparities. As part of these efforts, he is leading projects to assess exposure and health risks for

residential populations, urban fisherfolk, and recreational users of the Anacostia Watershed. He is also a Co-Investigator on a project that uses community engagement approaches and Geographic Information Systems to assess different sustainable practices that can be used to reduce stormwater inputs into the Chesapeake Bay. In addition, he is working with a research team in Baltimore to understand the role that the built environment plays in producing conditions conducive to pests, particularly mosquitoes, and how impacted residents can engage in citizen science to improve environmental conditions, reduce pests, and enhance quality of life.

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