



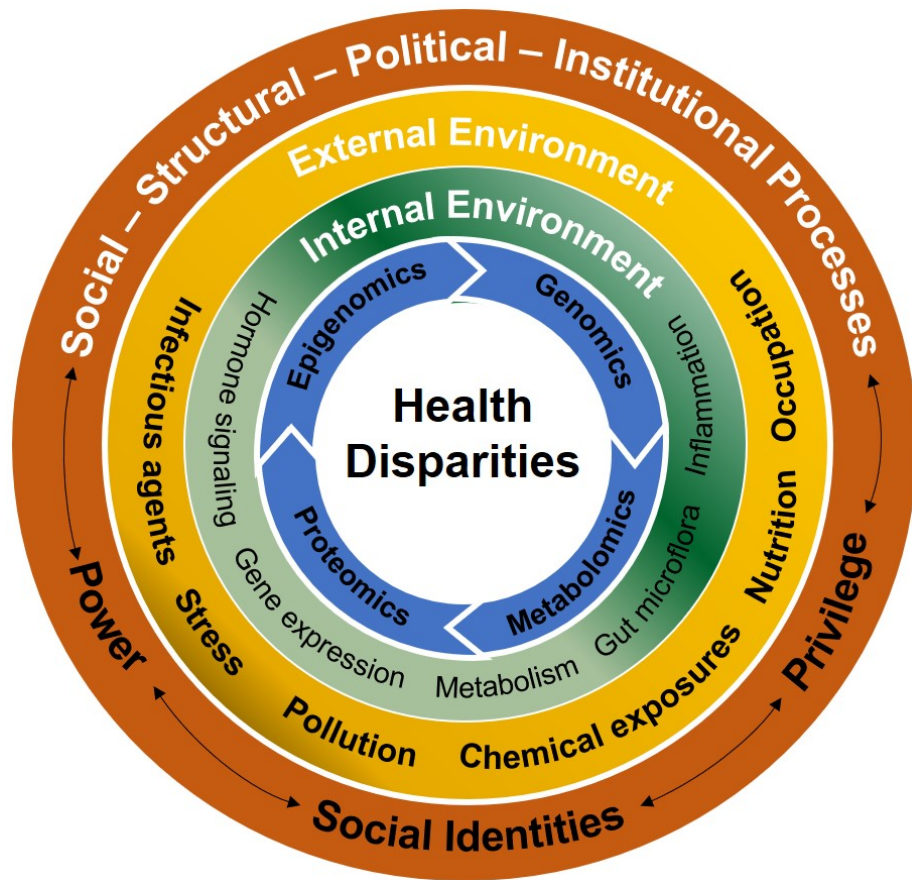
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My work seeks to secure environmental justice and improve health equity through advancements in science, policy, clinical practice, and communication.

Research: mapping how social-structural processes shape the environmental exposome and related health disparities

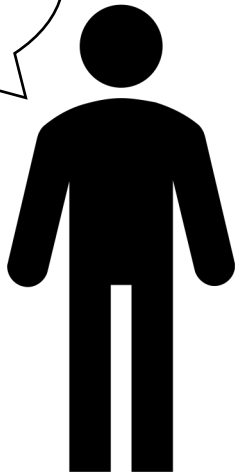
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Maximizing impact through disruptive innovation



Good
Science



Policy
Change



**PROBLEM:
THOUGHT LEADERS IN ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH ARE PREDOMINATELY SENIOR,
WHITE MEN?**

**SOLUTION:
AMPLIFY NEGLECTED VOICES IN
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND
HELP FOSTER A NEW GENERATION
OF MORE DIVERSE AND
INCLUSIVE THOUGHT LEADERS**



Collaborators and Funders



a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to driving science into public discussion and policy on environmental health issues, including climate change.

Brian Bienkowski, Senior Editor of Environmental Health News and Editor of Agents of Change in Environmental Health

All essays published on EHN in English and Spanish:

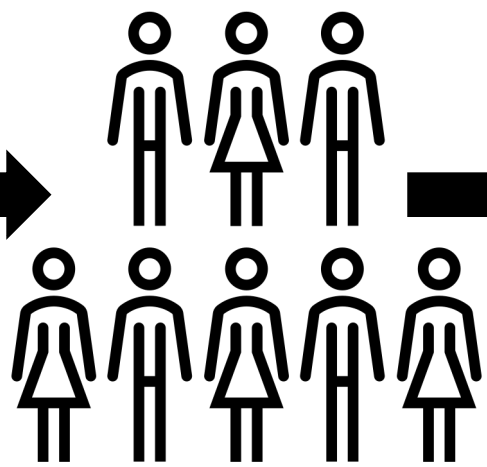
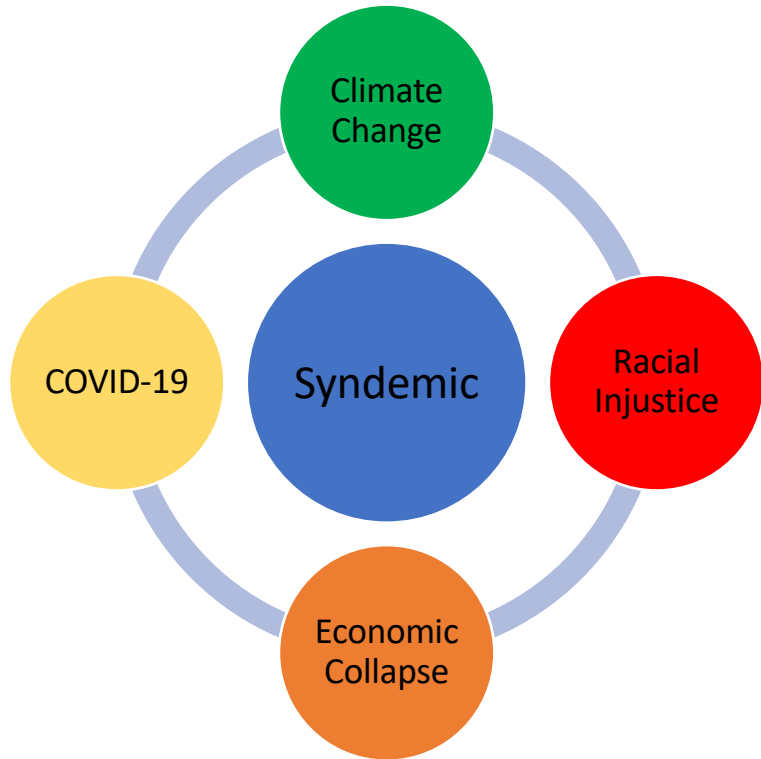
<https://www.ehn.org/agents-of-change-in-environmental-health-justice-2641248263.html>

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PROGRAM GOALS

- Increase the **impact** of early career scientists from under-represented background.
 - training in next-generation science communication skills, a platform to test ideas, diverse cohort of colleagues, and a “digital megaphone”.
- Inject new ideas into the environmental health science and advocacy communities
 - We need bold, innovative ideas to push our planet in a healthy, more just direction
- Representation matters.
 - Environmental health is a predominately white field. To increase diversity and inclusion in the field, we need to broaden our perspectives and center non-white voices





OUR FELLOWS



- Early career scientists from backgrounds historically under-represented in science and academia.
- Doctoral students, post-docs, and research staff
- 8 fellows from 5 different institutions
- Disciplines: environmental health, ecology

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New Country, same
oppression: It's time
to bolster
farmworkers' rights



El'gin Avila

Beyond coffees and
condos: Black and
brown families
displaced and erased



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Why housing
security is key to
environmental
justice



Brenda Trejo



Health research and
its problem with the
“R” word



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 10 essays/blogs published in Agents of Change series
- First blog published in January 2020
- Total views on EHN website: **991,920**
 - English: 874,418; Spanish – 117,508
 - Median: 13,500 views
 - Max: 779,730



We are growing the program!

Call for applicants this summer resulted in **83** candidates.

We have selected **25 new fellows**, divided between a fall and spring cohort

Diverse social identities

- Race/ethnicity
- Gender identity
- Sexual orientation
- Country of origin
- Family background
- Disability
- Socioeconomic status
- Religion

Diverse research disciplines

- Environmental health
- Epidemiology
- Community health
- Environmental chemistry
- Urban planning
- Medicine
- Environmental sociology
- Engineering
- Environmental education

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