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EHP Experts to Speak on Health Effects from Oil & Gas Development at Colorado Medical Symposium

The SWPA Environmental Health Project's Dr. David Brown, Jessa Chabeau, and Dr. Ned Ketyer will join other health care experts to present at the **2nd Annual Medical Symposium: Health Effects of Oil & Gas Development**, an interactive event hosted this Saturday by Physicians for Social Responsibility - Colorado.

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2020

Time: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Location: Zoom (public attendees may register for free)

Registration for this event: https://www.psrcolorado.org/symposium_registration

EHP Presenters:

DAVID R. BROWN, Sc.D.

Dr. Brown is a public health scientist at the SWPA Environmental Health Project. Dr. Brown is also the public health toxicologist and director of public health toxicology for Environment and Human Health, Inc. He is the past chief of environmental epidemiology and occupational health in Connecticut and was previously associate professor of toxicology at Northeastern College of Pharmacy and Allied Health. He also served as deputy director of the Public Health Practice Group of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) at the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Brown graduated from Cornell University in biochemistry, received his M.S. from the University of California in environmental health, and his Sc.D. from Harvard School of Public Health in toxicology.

Symposium Presentation: **Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Impact on Cells and Organ Systems**

JESSA CHABEAU, MSW

Ms. Chabeau is regional manager, Appalachia, for the SWPA Environmental Health Project. She received her bachelor's in sociology from Pennsylvania State University and her master's in social work from the University of Pittsburgh. For her master's in social work, Ms. Chabeau focused on community organizing and social administration, while also becoming certified in human services management. While studying at the University of Pittsburgh, she participated in a 9-month field placement at EHP in 2013, which led to her officially joining the organization in 2014 after graduation.

Symposium Presentation: **Collecting Symptom Data, EHP's Environmental Health Medical Toolkit**

NED KETYER, M.D., FAAP

Dr. Ned Ketyer is a Pittsburgh-area pediatrician with special interests in developmental pediatrics, preventative medicine, and environmental health. After completing his pediatric residency at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Dr. Ketyer practiced general pediatrics for 26 years before retiring from patient care in 2017. He writes and edits his practice's popular blog, The PediaBlog, and remains a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Environmental Health. Dr. Ketyer is a consultant for the SWPA Environmental Health Project, bringing attention to the health impacts of shale gas development in the Marcellus Shale gas patch. He is also a board member of Physicians for Social Responsibility - Pennsylvania and a Climate Reality Project Leader.

Symposium Presentation: **Emissions from Shale Gas Production and How They Increase the Risk of Health Impacts in Children**

About SWPA Environmental Health Project

The [SWPA Environmental Health Project](#) (EHP) is a nonprofit public health organization that defends public health in the face of oil and gas development. We provide front-line communities with timely monitoring, interpretation, and guidance. We engage diverse stakeholders: health professionals, researchers, community organizers, public servants, and others. We do so because knowledge protects health.