EHP will host a virtual expert panel on infectious lung disease and air pollution. The event, funded by the Network of the National Library of Medicine, will take place on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. It is free to attend and open to all.

Ned Keteyian, M.D., will moderate the event. Panelists include Kevin M. Stewart of the American Lung Association, Deborah Gentile, M.D., of East Suburban Pediatrics, Temsfae Mersha, Ph.D., of the University of Cincinnati, and Linda M. Wigington of Reducing Outdoor Contaminants in Indoor Spaces (ROGIS). Registration is available here.

Employee Spotlight: Jessa Chabeau
Regional Manager, Appalachia

Jessa, hello! Those of you who have been part of our EHP community, our family, know that I've been here for quite a long while, since 2013! After I received my undergraduate degree in sociology from (we also) Penn State, I pursued a Master of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh. At Pitt, I focused on community organization and social administration, while also becoming certified in human services management. While studying at Pitt, I participated in a nine-month field placement with EHP. Once I landed here, I knew I had found my people.

My degree allows me to bring the social work ethics of service, social and environmental justice, human rights, and scientific inquiry to my daily work at EHP.

EHP consists of only a small group, about a dozen people, but we are changing the world with our work. I'm honored to be part of this team and genuinely grateful for the entire EHP family — including all of you who are reading this. Thank you for your continued support.
Urge Gov. Wolf to Strengthen the Draft Methane Pollution Rule

A rule recently introduced by Governor Wolf and the PA Department of Environmental Protection would reduce toxic emissions, specifically methane, from oil and gas operations. Unfortunately, that rule has loopholes that would allow low-producing wells to continue producing dangerous levels of methane.

You can take action now by signing the petition below (on Mom’s Clean Air Force’s website) and urging Governor Wolf to revise the proposed rule to close those loopholes and better defend the health of Pennsylvanians.

TAKE ACTION NOW

Since our previous newsletter, Imran Ali and Elena McDermott joined the EHP team.

Imran Ali — Data Analyst
Imran earned his undergraduate degree in applied mathematics in 2016 and a Master of Science in data analytics in 2018 from Robert Morris University. Prior to joining EHP, Imran held the position of Development Analyst Specialist at Caron Medical Center.

Elena McDermott — Intern
Elena is a senior biology and environmental science major at Waynesburg University. She performed environmental research while studying abroad in Australia and has worked previously with an environmental consultant at Michael Baker International. Elena is currently conducting research on the impacts of oil and gas activity on water and soil.

To learn more about the EHP team, click here.

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Yes, I want to defend public health!

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