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Speaker Bios *(listed alphabetically)*

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Presenter:



Justin Dula (he/him) **Director** **Office of Environmental Justice** **Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection**

Justin Dula, AICP, CC-P, currently serves as the Director for the Office of Environmental Justice at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, focusing on outreach to communities facing disproportionate environmental impacts. Dula started with the Office in 2008 as the Eastern Regional Coordinator, which allowed him to work with a variety of communities ranging from historic towns in anthracite coal country to suburban communities near Philadelphia. In 2020, he completed the courses and attained the status of Climate Change Professional (CC-P).

Dula formerly served as the manager of community and regional planning at the Delaware County Planning Department. He has continued to work on built environmental issues and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). He is the Vice President of the American Planning Association (APA) Pennsylvania Chapter, the Secretary/Treasurer of APA's LGBTQ and Planning Division, and serves as the Past Chair of the APA Pennsylvania Southeast Section Council. He is also on the board of the Pennsylvania Downtown Center and the board of the Bywood Community Association, which works to further the neighborhood of Bywood in Upper Darby Township, Delaware County. Dula received a Master of City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University and a Bachelor of Arts with a focus on International Area Studies from Kalamazoo College.

Presenter:



Kelly Henderson (she/they)

Director of Programs Sustainable Pittsburgh

Kelly Henderson is the Director of Programs for Sustainable Pittsburgh. In this role, Henderson is responsible for developing and executing programming strategy, including designation programs, networks, and targeted initiatives. Previously, Henderson coordinated sustainability education programs at Chatham University's Eden Hall Campus for nine years. While at Chatham, she co-created and directed a residential Sustainable Leadership Academy program, an intergenerational Seeds of Change conference, a chapter of [EnvironMentors](#), and educator professional development programs, including Growing Teacher Advocates, an experiential race identity development and gardening program. As adjunct faculty at Chatham, Henderson also taught courses on "Education for Sustainability," "Leadership in Sustainability," and more.

Earlier in her career, Henderson was the Sustainability and Communications Coordinator at The Efficiency Network (TEN), where she managed the LEED Existing Buildings Operations and Maintenance certification process for the United Steelworkers building as a LEED Accredited Professional. She was also a Building Strategy Fellow with the Green Building Alliance.

Henderson holds a bachelor's degree in Physics from Colgate University, a master's degree in Sustainable Energy Systems from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, and a master's degree in Secondary Science Education from Chatham University. Outside of work, Henderson is a member of the Homestead Borough Planning Commission. She sits on the board of Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP) and PULSE Pittsburgh, as well as the STEM Education for Sustainable Development and Network for Emergent Socioscientific Thinking Advisory Committee through the Smithsonian Institution.

Presenter:



Matt Mahoney (he/him) **Director of Government Affairs** **Sustainable Pittsburgh**

Matt Mahoney is the Director of Government Affairs for Sustainable Pittsburgh. Before joining Sustainable Pittsburgh, Mahoney worked with Plug Smart, a regional energy services and building automation company, to develop Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) opportunities throughout the Midwest. Prior to Plug Smart, Mahoney served as the Western Pennsylvania Program Manager for the Keystone Energy Efficiency Alliance (KEEA), a Pennsylvania-based trade association for the energy efficiency industry. During his time with KEEA, he successfully advocated for the adoption of C-PACE among county governments in Western Pennsylvania. Before KEEA, Mahoney worked with the Center for Responsible Shale Development where he served the inaugural President and Board of Directors to mitigate air emissions and protect water systems related to natural gas development in the Appalachian Basin.

Mahoney earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Anthropology from Slippery Rock University and a master's degree in Renewable Energy and Sustainability Systems from Penn State University. Mahoney is also an adjunct professor teaching Energy Policy at Chatham University, a military veteran that served honorably, and a proud husband and father of two.

Presenter:



Matthew Tejada (he/him)

**Deputy Assistant Administrator for Environmental Justice
Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights
US Environmental Protection Agency**

Matthew S. Tejada is the Deputy Assistant Administrator (DAA) for Environmental Justice (EJ) within the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) national program office for Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR). Tejada joined EPA in March of 2013 as a career senior executive and director of the Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ), a position he held until the reorganization of OEJ into OEJECR in September of 2022. As DAA, he provides leadership for EPA's EJ portfolio, including the integration of EJ throughout all of EPA's policies, programs, and activities, coordination and alignment of EJ priorities with the external civil rights programmatic priorities, in addition to leading EJ efforts with other federal agencies, states, tribes, local governments, and other stakeholders. Before his career at EPA, Tejada spent over five years as executive director of the environmental justice advocacy group Air Alliance Houston in the Houston and Texas Gulf Coast area. He received his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Oxford where he was a member of St. Antony's College, a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Texas at Austin, then served two years in the Peace Corps in Bulgaria. Tejada is a native of Ft. Worth, Texas, lives with his wife Andrea in Silver Spring, Maryland and is the proud father of Nia Tejada.