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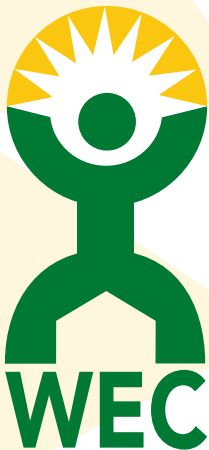
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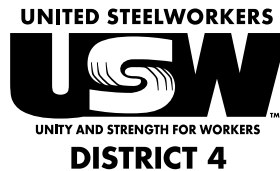
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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the New Jersey Work Environment Council's (WEC) 11th Annual Awards Reception.

Tonight we celebrate our 27th anniversary as the nation's longest standing state labor/environmental coalition.

Wall Street and corporate CEO's are attacking fundamental health and safety safeguards in our workplaces and communities. But more than 70 labor, environmental, and community organizations united in WEC continue to prove that by working together we can make new progress and defend past gains.

Congratulations to our honorees. And our sincere thanks to the many generous organizations and individuals that placed ads and purchased tickets for tonight's reception, which helps sustain WEC's work.

We look forward to working with all of you to advance our collective agenda.

In Solidarity,

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P.S. We want **you** to be actively involved with WEC. Please contact us to do so. And we hope you and your organization will join WEC as members if you are not already.



Edward Lloyd, Esq.

*Evan M. Frankel Clinical Professor of Environmental Law
Director, Environmental Law Clinic
Director, Columbia Clinical Programs
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Edward Lloyd has been a champion for the public interest and the environment for decades, consistently working to protect communities, the environment, and public health. He is an activist and scholar with expertise in environmental legal issues and citizen suit litigation.

Lloyd currently serves as the director of the Clinical Programs and the Environmental Clinic at Columbia Law School in New York City, where he represents environmental and community organizations in complex civil suits that address the ecological challenges of our time. In 2012, Lloyd filed a lawsuit on behalf of 28 labor, environmental, and community groups, including WEC, to overturn Governor Christie's "waiver rule" to roll back environmental and worker protection safeguards.

From 1974 to 1985, Lloyd was executive director and staff attorney for the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group (NJ PIRG), where he now serves as general counsel. While at NJ PIRG, he oversaw the Clean Water Action Project. Students walked every stream and mapped every discharge pipe in the state. This work led to the filing of 60 citizen lawsuits against corporate polluters. Partly as a result of his work, Governor Florio signed The Clean Water Enforcement Act in 1990. The Act imposes mandatory penalties for violating the state's water pollution regulations.

Before joining the Columbia Law School faculty in 2000, Lloyd was the founding director of the Rutgers University Law School Environmental Law Clinic. He has also lectured on environmental legal issues and citizen suit litigation, and he has taught numerous environmental courses for the practicing bar. Lloyd has testified before U.S. Senate and House of Representatives committees on environmental enforcement and has been a member of the Litigation Review Committee of the Environmental Defense Fund since 1991.

Lloyd earned a B.A. in chemistry from Princeton and a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin. He is co-founder and co-director of the Eastern Environmental Law Center, the sole public interest environmental law firm in New Jersey, and served on the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Environmental Litigation. He also sits on the NJ Pinelands Commission and in 2004 he was named a Trustee of the Fund for New Jersey.

Lloyd is married to Janine Bauer and they have two children, Alex and Abigail.



Nicky Sheats, Esq., Ph.D.

*Member, NJ Environmental Justice Alliance
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Dr. Nicky Sheats is a member of the New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance (NJEJA) and director of the Center for the Urban Environment at the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy of the Thomas Edison State College in Trenton, NJ. Dr. Sheats is a tireless advocate for environmental justice, always standing with low income communities and communities of color throughout New Jersey in struggles for a clean and healthy environment.

Dr. Sheats has used his extensive knowledge on fine particulate matter air pollution, climate change, and cumulative health impacts to develop public policies that can help achieve environmental justice.

For example, in the Coalition for Healthy Ports, Dr. Sheats has played an important role educating policy makers, truck drivers, and the community about health impacts from diesel emissions.

He has been a member of NJEJA, New Jersey's only statewide organization that focuses on environmental justice issues, since its inception in 2003. NJEJA is an alliance of New Jersey-based organizations and individuals working together to identify, prevent, and reduce and/or eliminate environmental injustices that exist in communities of color and low-income communities. NJEJA supports community efforts to remediate and rebuild impacted neighborhoods, using the community's vision of improvement, through education, advocacy, organizing, and technical assistance.

In January 2013, Dr. Sheats participated in the Sandy Regional Assembly with 200 attendees from community, environmental justice, and labor groups. In April, the groups released policy recommendations to advance three goals: 1) Integrate regional rebuilding efforts with local resiliency priorities; 2) Strengthen vulnerable communities and reduce public health threats; and 3) Expand community-based climate change planning, disaster preparedness and response.

Dr. Sheats has also been appointed to New Jersey's Clean Air Council and in recent years, has expanded his work to a national level where he is currently a member of the Environmental Justice Leadership Forum on Climate Change, EPA's Clean Air Act Advisory Committee and the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

Dr. Sheats received his Ph.D. from the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Harvard University. He also has an undergraduate degree in economics from Princeton University and a law degree from Harvard Law School.



Noel Christmas

*Chairman, NJ Council of Utility Workers Union of America
President, Utility Workers Union of America Local 601*

Noel Christmas is Chairman of the New Jersey State Council of the Utility Workers Union of America, representing more than 3,000 members in the gas, electric, and water industry.

Christmas started his career in the utility industry as a meter reader in West Paterson and became a shop steward in 1989. In 2005, he was elected President of Local 601, a position he currently holds, representing approximately 1,400 members at PSE&G including meter readers, field collections, walk-in and phone customer service representatives, billing/payment processing representatives, and other support groups.

Under Christmas' leadership, Local 601 took on a broader approach to advancing the working people's agenda by joining like-minded statewide coalitions. This approach paid off when Local 601, working with allied organizations, successfully fought the proposed buy-out of PSE&G by Exelon, thus saving hundreds of New Jersey jobs.

When Hurricane Sandy hit, Local 601 members were among the boots on the ground. Responding to the storm of the century, members worked 16-hour days to restore power to the hardest hit communities in New Jersey. Field employees and meter readers were reassigned to help with storm assessment to keep the public safe from dangerous situations, including downed wires and gas leaks.

Emergency response rules, changed in the late 1990s when the industry was deregulated, call for out of state utility workers to aid in emergency response. Out of state workers often have different work experience and follow different procedures. These rules reduce the workforce of New Jersey utility companies and can delay immediate response in disaster situations.

Christmas serves on the Executive Boards of the national Utility Workers Union of America and the NJ State AFL-CIO. He is the Chairman of the Labor Committee for New Jersey One Plan One Nation (NJOPON), which advocates for single payer health care for all. He also serves on the New Jersey Industrial Union Council Board of Directors and Burlington and Essex County Central Labor Council Boards and is Treasurer of the American Labor Museum.

Noel is a 2005 graduate of Rutgers University Union Leadership Academy and has a daughter, Isheree Candelaria.



Adrienne Markowitz, M.S.

Industrial Hygienist, WEC/NJ Education Association Healthy Schools Program

Adrienne Markowitz has spent her professional life challenging the idea that workers must die to make a living. Armed with a BA in Education from Queens College and a Masters in Occupational and Environmental Health from Hunter, she wrapped her organizer father's union ethos around her heart and went into the workplace to fight the only fight that really matters.....the fight for justice.

Public sector jobs in New Jersey honed her skills as an educator and truth seeker as she trained county and private sector workers and investigated workplaces for chromium contamination, proudly carrying her membership card from Communications Workers Union Local 1034.

Markowitz expanded her field of battle by becoming Director of Health and Safety for the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, now part of the United Food and Commercial Workers. Always teaching, ever questioning, never tiring, Markowitz engaged and educated union members across the country and across a broad spectrum of industry and occupational diversity; she then helped organize the unorganized, sharing information with damaged poultry workers walking to work in the rank miasma of pre-dawn Mississippi.

Markowitz has distinguished herself and her profession on both a national and international stage, working in professional collaboration within and among groups and organizations including the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the national AFL-CIO, American Industrial Hygiene Association, and the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health. She served as the International Labour Organization Worker Representative at the first International Conference on Chemical Safety held in Stockholm. She has always provided a clear voice when speaking for the workers from whom she has felt privileged to learn.

She has authored health and safety manuals, written fact sheets, produced health and safety videos and testified in government hearings on workplace issues. Markowitz continues the fight as an industrial hygiene consultant for WEC, working closely with public school teachers and other school staff through the New Jersey Education Association.

Quick to credit the influence and inspiration provided by other professionals in the occupational health field and historians, such as her brother David Rosner and his writing partner Jerry Markowitz, whose books have documented occupational illnesses, Markowitz is a remarkable advocate for the working people who are living longer, healthier lives because of her work.

Markowitz has three children, Tobias, William, and Elena and two grandchildren, Cecilia and Mason.

Adrienne Markowitz is truly her father's daughter.



United Steelworkers Tony Mazzocchi Center for Health, Safety, and Environmental Education and the International Chemical Workers Union Center for Worker Health and Safety Education Hurricane Sandy emergency response teams

Hurricane Sandy brought enormous destruction to New Jersey. Sandy workers and volunteers face a wide range of hazards, including widespread mold, asbestos, carbon monoxide exposure from generators, and a range of demolition/construction hazards, including deaths from falls.

Right after Sandy hit, the International Chemical Workers Union Council (part of the United Food and Commercial Workers) and the United Steelworkers (USW) responded. Both contacted WEC to see if we could use assistance to assess hazards, design awareness curricula, and provide training to workers and unions, faith based groups, and volunteers working on cleanup efforts.

The USW, through the Tony Mazzocchi Center (TMC), deployed trainers Mike Swan, USW Local 4-9436; Rick Arends, USW Local 11-264; and Mark McDonald, USW 4-135 to New Jersey. TMC also deployed trainers Frank Condell, USW Local 10-9305 and Bobby Espinoza, USW Local 12-9477 to New York to work with the New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH).

The International Chemical Workers Union Council (ICWUC) deployed Bill Hoobler from their Cincinnati Center and Claire Galiano, a United Food and Commercial Workers nurse trainer and New Jersey resident to work with WEC and John Morawetz, Director of the ICWUC Center, to work with NYCOSH.

The trainers attended meetings with various community and volunteer groups and distributed information at numerous events. They also provided training on health and safety topics, including how to safely “muck and gut” your house, how to choose and fit test the right respirator for the job you’re performing, and how to select other personal protective equipment.

Thanks to the caring and rapid response of ICWUC and USW, thousands of workers and volunteers learned about hazards and took steps to make their work safe.

WEC also thanks the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences for their support of both consortiums and specifically for enabling their emergency response teams to come to New Jersey.



About ICWUC Training Center

Since 1988, the International Chemical Workers Union Council has operated a national hazardous materials training Center in Cincinnati, Ohio with five other labor organizations: the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, the American Federation of Teachers, the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, and the American Federation of Government Employees.

About USW Tony Mazzocchi Center

The Tony Mazzocchi Center for Health, Safety and Environmental Education (TMC), established in 2005, is part of the United Steelworkers Health, Safety and Environment Department. The TMC is a consortium of the USW, the Communications Workers of America, and the Labor Institute. The goal of these two consortiums is to prevent work-related injuries and illness by providing union based health, safety and environmental training to local union officers, union health and safety activists, workers, and their management counterparts.

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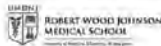


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