



National Academies Committee on Guidance on PFAS Testing and Health Outcomes

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Speaker and Moderator Biosketches (in alphabetical order by last name)

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Dr. Phil Brown, Northeastern University

Phil Brown is University Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Health Science at Northeastern University, where he directs the Social Science Environmental Health Research Institute and co-directs its PFAS Project Lab, which has grants from NSF to study social policy and activism concerning PFAS, and from NIEHS to study children's immune responses to PFAS and community response to contamination, and to develop a nationwide report-back and information exchange. He directs an NIEHS-T32 training program, "Transdisciplinary Training at the Intersection of Environmental Health and Social Science," co-directs the Community Outreach and Translation Core of Northeastern's Children's Environmental Health Center (Center for Research on Early Childhood Exposure and Development in Puerto Rico/CRECE) and is Research Translation Director and Community Engagement Core co-Director of Northeastern's Superfund Research Program (Puerto Rico Test site to Explore Contamination Threats/PROTECT). He is a past member of NIEHS Council. His books include *No Safe Place: Toxic Waste, Leukemia, and Community Action*; *Toxic Exposures: Contested Illnesses and the Environmental Health Movement*; and *Contested Illnesses: Citizens, Science and Health Social Movements*. He earned his PhD in Sociology from Brandeis University and did a postdoc at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Courtney Carignan, Michigan State University

Courtney Carignan is an exposure scientist and environmental epidemiologist at Michigan State University who began working on PFAS over 6 years ago providing technical support for the Pease community. She's currently helping lead biomonitoring studies funded by EPA and NIH investigating PFAS exposure and immunotoxicity for communities in several states that have been impacted by drinking water contamination. Dr. Carignan is on the organizing committee for the National PFAS Conference, helps develop the PFAS Exchange, and helped establish MSU's Center for PFAS Research. She received her PhD in Environmental Health from the Boston University School of Public Health, and completed postdoctoral training at Dartmouth and Harvard.

Alan Ducatman, Professor Emeritus West Virginia University School of Public Health and School of Medicine.

Alan Ducatman MD, MS is a Mayo Clinic-trained internist and occupational physician, currently professor emeritus in the West Virginia University School of Public Health and School of Medicine. His

research focuses on environmental disease and disease prevention, including health communications to affected populations. He has designed community studies and published actively concerning population aspects of exposure to perfluoroalkyl substances, and many of these publications are highly cited. He is a clinical consultant to industry, labor, nonprofit organizations, government, and community groups.

Dr. Ducatman also has an active research program in quality assurance concerning clinician laboratory orders and interpretation. His public service has included Chair of the external science advising committee to the National Center for Environmental Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Nikki Hynek, Founder of Pretty Lane Beauty Boutique and Dollup Beauty

Nikki Hynek is the founder of the Pretty Lane and Dollup Beauty. Working in the beauty industry since 2000, and after launching Dollup in 2014, Hynek has sought to be a pioneer of modernization and organization in the beauty industry. This makeup artist has blossomed into a stellar entrepreneur, utilizing her vision to help the beauty community and the Cedar Rapids community. Nikki Hynek founded Pretty Lane, an experience based Beauty Company, in 2019.

Tom Johnson, Clean Water Action

Tom joined Clean Water Action/Clean Water Fund in February, 2018 as a Program Organizer focused on toxic chemicals and emerging contaminants in Minnesota. He brings years of grassroots organizing experience from his previous position as Field Director of Clean Water Action's Baltimore, Maryland office. During his years with Clean Water, Tom has worked on a variety of successful campaigns including passage of pesticide and antibiotic legislation in Maryland and efforts to reduce flame retardants, PFAS, and other harmful chemicals in Minnesota. Tom has a BA from Gustavus Adolphus College and enjoys walking and biking around the lakes in Minneapolis.

John Kern, RuttenKern Policy Group

Mr. Kern has practiced law for 25 years in public and private capacities in the US and Europe and is a partner in RuttenKern Policy Group with offices in Washington, DC and in Santa Fe. Among his clients, he represents the interests of New Mexico ranches and dairies. He also serves as the Executive Director of the Clean Water Partnership, a non-profit community based-group working to resolve water issues with federal, state and local interests. Clean Water Partnership has lobbied for and secured state funding for water testing in communities – particularly those hosting military facilities - impacted by PFAS contamination. For more go to "cwp-cannon.org" to read about Mr. Kern's and the group's efforts in New Mexico.

Ms. Samraa Luqman, Concerned Residents for South Dearborn (CRSD)

Samraa Luqman is a Yemeni-American from the southeastern area of Dearborn (commonly known as the "South End"); born to Dr. Wijdan Luqman, a Korean War Army veteran who served as the Chief of Medicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs until his death, and Samira Alasbahi, one of the first female Yemeni-American activists in her community. Luqman's first job was as a volunteer at the Lake City VA Medical Center at the age of 12, followed by tutoring with the Arab Community Center for

Economic & Social Services. She went on to work in the public schools while completing her Bachelor's in Psychology at the University of Michigan and now works in social services with the federal government. In her 20's, Luqman became a Board Member and Secretary of the American Yemeni Women's Association. It was around this time she noticed a multitude of community members becoming ill with cancers, asthma, and other illnesses attributable to pollution and became more specifically involved in environmental injustice, speaking at community meetings and town halls. In 2019, she joined the Environmental Health Research to Action Steering Committee, which educates High Schoolers about the impacts of pollution, and the PFAS Alliance shortly thereafter. By 2020, Luqman also joined the Clean Air Council and presented to multiple audiences the effects and existence of PFAS in both our air and waters. Luqman's latest affiliations are with the Concerned Residents for South Dearborn. She has also worked with the University of Michigan's Environmental Interpretive Center and Friends of the Rouge to raise awareness on the environmental issues of the South End. Her most recent endeavors include providing input on the enactment and enforcement of a Fugitive Air Dust Ordinance, fighting for cumulative health impact studies, and partnering with organizations, universities, and other entities to add greenspace, trees, and rain gardens to the area.

Laura Olah, Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger (CSWAB)

Laura Olah currently serves as the Executive Director of Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger, Statewide Coordinator for the PFAS Community Campaign in Wisconsin, and the National Coordinator for the Cease Fire Campaign. For more than 30 years, her work has reflected her commitment to involving and empowering residents and tribal members in decisions that affect the environmental health of rural communities. She lives near the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant which is the source of four groundwater contaminant plumes.

Vicki Quint, Co-Chair of the Foam Exposure Committee

Fire personnel have been completely unaware of the toxicity issues of Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) which has been used for decades. Vicki became a firefighter advocate on PFAS problems after her fire chief husband died of multiple cancers related to his career.

Military firefighters are now obtaining PFAS blood testing by Congressional directive. But, this has not been extended to retired military firefighters or public fire service personnel. No one appears to be telling the military firefighters what their blood tests may mean.

Vicki is a steering committee member of the PFAS Community Campaign in Wisconsin, is on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources PFAS Technical Committee and is a co-chair of the Foam Exposure Committee. This Committee was organized to test firefighting foam samples directly for total fluorine.

Andi Rich

Andi Rich graduated from Lakeland College of Sheboygan with honors and a double major in Business Administration and Marketing. She is an outside adjuster mainly dealing with catastrophic damages from floods and hurricanes. Andi Rich first became involved as a public health advocate in her home

town of Marinette, WI when the community learned that PFAS concentrations greater than 400,000 ppt had been detected in groundwater at the JCI Fire Technology Center. In fact, the JCI facility has been identified as the third largest PFAS contamination site in the nation. Andi has actively advocated for medical monitoring (blood testing) in her community. She knows first-hand that individuals who have been exposed to high amounts of PFAS may want or need to know the amount of PFAS in blood. Andi has actively reached out to legislators, often traveling more than 3 hours one-way to Madison to testify before the State Assembly and Senate. She has attended every public PFAS meeting possible, spoke to various committees, testified before the Wisconsin DNR, and actively urged legislators to set health-based limits for PFAS – challenging often overwhelming pressure from industry to do otherwise. In addition to responding to direct exposures through drinking water, she has been instrumental in raising public awareness of secondary routes of exposure from PFAS-contaminated farm fields, crops, meat and dairy. Andi has been a dedicated advocate for human health on these issues through public outreach and testimony at local council meetings, Wisconsin DNR meetings, public meetings and well-researched social media.

Art Schaap, 4th generation dairy farmer

Art Schaap is the owner and manager of Highland Dairy. He is involved in conventional and organic production of milk and farm commodities. He is the owner partner of Tucumcari Mountain Cheese Factory and has 30+ years' experience in Dairy marketing. He has been married 33 years and has three children all married and 5 wonderful grandchildren.

Sandy Wynn-Stelt, Wolverine Community Advisory Committee, Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART)

Sandy Wynn-Stelt is a master's level Psychologist and Board-Certified Behavior Analyst who lives in Belmont, Michigan. Sandy and her husband Joel moved into their Belmont home in 1992. They thought it was the perfect location. They did not know that the Christmas tree farm directly across the street was Wolverine World Wide's dump where they had dumped their toxic tannery sludge that included Scotchguard. In 2016, Joel's health rapidly deteriorated, and after only a few short weeks, he died of liver cancer. A year later, Sandy learned the well water Joel and her drank for twenty years had been contaminated with PFAS at some of the highest concentrations ever found in drinking water. Since then, Sandy has dedicated her time to advocacy. She is actively engaged in a national effort to ban all PFAS chemicals in manufacturing. She also uses her own experience to assist communities affected by PFAS contamination to navigate how to cope with the contamination and what to do next. She routinely meets with local, state, and federal legislators, Michigan's Attorney General, and she has testified in Washington at senate hearings about PFAS contamination. She currently participates in a variety of community and state organizations, including the Wolverine Community Advisory Committee where she is on the leadership team, along with the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART). She is also engaged in national organizations such as the National PFAS Contamination Coalition, where she serves on the leadership team. Sandy also participates in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Health Study as a stakeholder for the state study on PFAS exposure, along with the ATSDR's Multistate PFAS study on PFAS exposure. Most recently, the EPA awarded Sandy the Citizen Excellence in Community Involvement Award for her advocacy for stronger regulation of the entire class of PFAS chemicals.



Ms. Cathy Wusterbarth, Need Our Water (NOW)

Cathy Wusterbarth is Co-Leader and a founder of Need Our Water (NOW) in Oscoda Michigan. NOW was created in 2017 to give Oscoda-AuSable and surrounding communities a voice. The mission of NOW is to be a reliable resource and catalyst for education and communication while advocating for long-term health and environmental welfare plans on behalf of those affected by the water contamination from the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, Michigan. Through her volunteer efforts she and her group have consistently demanded the State of Michigan and the Air Force address the PFAS contamination that affects her community and now over 700 military installations. She was invited to the 2019 State of the Union by Congressman Dan Kildee to represent communities affected by PFAS contamination and support the newly created congressional PFAS Task Force. She believes the federal government should conduct epidemiological studies necessary to correlate veteran and their families' health outcomes in addition to testing and monitoring the health of Oscoda residents in relation to their PFAS exposure. Cathy is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and is a native of Oscoda where she currently lives and works.