The Center for Research in Nutrition and Health Disparities, and the Environment & Sustainability Program, Presents:

Friday, March 31, 2017
11:30am- 4:30pm- Symposium
Carolina Alumni Center

Keynote Speaker:
Representative Harold Mitchell, Jr.
District 31- Spartanburg County

Keynote Address: “The ReGenesis Project: Moving Spartanburg, SC from Surviving to Thriving”
Agenda

11:30am - 12:00pm  Registration, Student Poster Session

12:00pm - 12:10pm  Welcoming Remarks
Sonya Jones, Ph.D.
Director, Center for Research in Nutrition and Health Disparities
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Gwendelyn Geidel, Ph.D., JD
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12:10pm - 12:30pm  Lunch is served

12:30pm - 12:35pm  Introduction of Speaker
Dwayne Porter, Ph.D.
Director of Graduate Studies and Associate Professor
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12:35pm - 1:10pm  Keynote Address: “The ReGenesis Project: Moving Spartanburg, SC from Surviving to Thriving” (Over Lunch)
Speaker Bio: Rep. Harold Mitchell, Jr. is a respected leader with a long record of achievements in affordable housing, environmental justice, community revitalization, and public policy. He is the Founder of ReGenesis in 1998 and served as the Executive Director of this non-profit organization until 2012. During his tenure ReGenesis leveraged over $250million in revitalization, clean up, housing, job training, federally qualified health centers, and infrastructure. Rep. Mitchell also established job training initiatives as part of a Hope 6 Grant in 2005 for residents of public housing and residents of a local homeless shelter, many of whom were veterans. As the Executive Director of ReGenesis, a not for profit developer of quality affordable housing, he has a reputation for a steadfast commitment to voting rights. Moreover, he is a respected advocate for racial justice and served as the Chairman of the SC Legislative Black Caucus during the 2012-14 cycle.
1:15pm – 2:00pm  
Session I: Public Health Impacts of Climate Change

An examination of trends and current/emerging food and environmental challenges and solutions arising from climate change, sanitation and subsequent health problems. Presenters will provide 10 minute presentations followed by a Q & A session with the audience and/or panel discussion.

Facilitator  
Carol Boggs, Ph.D.  
Director, School of the Earth, Ocean & Environment  
Professor, Dept. of Biological Sciences and School of the Earth, Ocean & Environment  
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Panelists  
Lucy (Annang) Ingram, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor  
Professional Online MPH Program Director  
Department of Health Promotion, Education and Behavior  
Arnold School of Public Health  
University of South Carolina  
“Community-based Partnerships in the Wake of an Environmental Disaster in SC”

Alan Decho, M.Sc., Ph.D.  
Associate Dean for Research  
Professor, Microbial Interactions Laboratory  
Department of Environmental Health Sciences  
Arnold School of Public Health  
University of South Carolina  
“Your Gut Microbiome and Food You Eat”

Geoffrey I. Scott, Ph.D.  
Clinical Professor and Chair  
Department of Environmental Health Sciences  
Arnold School of Public Health  
University of South Carolina  
“Contaminants of Emerging Concern Potentially Affecting Seafood Safety”

2:00pm - 2:05  
Break
2:05pm - 2:50pm  Session II: When Communities Lead Food and Environmental Change

An examination of community responses to trends and current/emerging food and environmental challenges and solutions arising from food production and availability, dietary patterns and poverty. Presenters provide 10 minute presentations followed by a Q & A session with the audience and/or panel discussion.

Facilitator
Brie Turner-McGrievy, Ph.D., M.S., R.D.
Assistant Professor, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior
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Panelists
Trisha Mandes, M.S., M.P.H.N.
Nutritionist & Program Coordinator
IMAGINE STUDY
Department of Health Promotion, Education and Behavior
Arnold School of Public Health
University of South Carolina
“The Effects of Plant-Based Eating on Health and the Environment: Individual and Community Solutions for Implementation”

J. Porter Lillis, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Sociology
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
University of North Carolina at Pembroke
“The Illusion of Choice- Freedom to Choose and Super Normal Stimulus”

Keithrick Alexander
Founder, Axiom Farms Cooperative
Manager, Dianne's Call Mobile Market
http://www.diannescall.org/
“OPEN (Optimizing People’s Everyday Nutrition) Path
2:55pm – 3:50pm  Roundtable Panel and Discussion
Where Urban Meets Rural: Nutritional Impacts of Down Home Ecology

All over the world, in hyper-urban environments, one of the things that gets lost is the huge nutritional benefit of living embedded in a rural ecology. Urban communities often gain access to an increase in caloric intake—but at the expense of the broad nutritional intake afforded by a wide range of scavenged, gathered, hunted, casually cultivated, intentionally cultivated, and locally-exchanged foodstuffs. We want to open up this discussion to help people see what gets lost in community movement from field- and river-side to grocery store aisles.

Facilitator/Panelist  Jenny Pournelle
Research Associate Professor
School of the Earth, Ocean and Environment
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“Marsh Collapse, Community Collapse: Nutrition and Health Impacts of Wetlands Destruction in Southern Iraq”

Panelists  Dale Baughman Rhodus, West Columbia, SC.
“Farm-to-Table Life in Williston: Then and Now”

Urbie West, Rest Park Farm and Pinckney’s Produce CSA, Beaufort, SC – SC Farm Bureau National Delegate.
“Building Farm-to-Table Communities”

3:50pm - 4:15pm  Poster Session/Afternoon Snack

4:15pm- 4:30pm  Door Prizes, Poster Competition Winner Announcement
Mary Wilson, MPH
Director of Capacity Building
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Closing Remarks
Sonya Jones, Ph.D.
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Student Poster Presentations

Poster #1  
Molly Beman & Grace Whitbeck  
Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior  
Arnold School of Public Health  
University of South Carolina  
“Examining the Role of Primary Care Providers in the Prevention of Childhood Obesity”

Poster #2  
Eleanor Davis  
Geography Department  
University of South Carolina  
“What’s salt got to do with it? Salinity Remote Sensing of Agricultural Lands in the Albemarle-Pamlico Peninsula, North Carolina”

Poster #3  
Cameron Hubbard  
Department of Nutrition and Health Care Management  
Appalachian State University  
“Food Security Status in Rural North Carolina: Exploring Coping Strategies among Community Residents”

Poster #4  
Katelin Hudak  
Public Policy Department  
University of North Carolina-Charlotte  
“The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Childhood Obesity: A Review of the Evidence”
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