

FACULTY

Paul Deaton BA MA

Mr. Deaton is an Iowa PSR member and Chairman of the Johnson County Iowa Board of Health and has helped focus attention on the health effects of coal burning in Iowa. He is a Board of Directors member of Clean Air for Everyone Iowa Citizens Action Network. Mr. Deaton is a logistics professional and is currently Director of Operations at CRST Logistics, Inc.

Barbara Gottlieb

Ms Gottlieb is a national PSR Environment & Health Program Manager of the PSR Code Black Campaign.

Harb Harb

Mr. Harb is an medical student at the UI Carver College of Medicine and is working on an MPH in the UI College of Public Health. He spent the summer of 2008 working in a Palestinian Hospital as his MPH Practicum.

Maureen McCue MD PhD

Dr. McCue is the POWERLINES Conference organizer, Coordinator of Iowa PSR, Board Member of National PSR, Medical Officer for the Johnson County Iowa Board of Health, and teaches in the UI Global Health Studies Program. She has lectured and written on the health effects of global warming and on health effects of coal burning.

Jeff Patterson DO

Dr. Patterson is President-Elect of national PSR and is a founder of the Madison Wisconsin PSR chapter (now PSR Wisconsin). He has been active in International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War for many years and heads the Hackett Hemwell Foundation that does international charitable medical work.

John Rachow PhD MD

Dr. Rachow is the POWERLINES Conference Director, an Iowa PSR member, and Board Member of national PSR.

Sameet Sangha

Mr. Sangha is an MPH student in the UI College of Public Health. Mr. Sangha is researching health effects of coal burning in Iowa.

Steven Starr MT

Mr. Starr is a Senior Scientist for PSR, is a member of the International Network of Engineers and Scientists Against Proliferation (INESAP), as well as Physicians for Global Survival (Canada). Mr. Starr is an expert on nuclear weapons operating status and the predicted climatic effects of nuclear war. He lives in South Columbia, MO.

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20 East Market St, Room 200
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POWERLINES to the FUTURE

A Conference

Energizing Midwest

Physicians for Social Responsibility

February 13 - 14, 2009

Friday evening & all day Saturday

University of Iowa International Center

Old Capitol Town Center
(previously Old Capitol Mall)

201 S Clinton St
Iowa City, IA

“Doctors are challenged to confront a web of problems, which at their core are essentially moral and derive from the deepest ethical precepts of our profession. I have learned that the leading cause of ill health everywhere is poverty. I have learned that there can be no healthy United States in a sick world, no secure United States in a war-torn world, no affluent United States in a poor world. I am persuaded that we shall not have a livable world unless we make it a more just world. We can be successful if we do not fear listening to the prompting of conscience and letting our imagination roam suffused with hope.”

— Bernard Lown MD
Cofounder of PSR & IPPNW

Please pre-register by Wednesday February 11, 2009. We need an accurate head count to order enough food!!!

The film and discussion Friday evening February 13 is free and open to the public. Conference registration includes continental breakfast & lunch on Saturday February 14. Conference registration is based on a sliding scale in an effort to make this educational conference as open as possible.

Register online at: www.iowa-psr.org/pl_home.html

Register by mail:

Donation Level	Suggested Donation	# Persons	Totals
Physicians & Doctoral level professionals	\$65		
Allied Health Professionals	\$35		
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PROGRAM

Friday Evening, Febr. 13, 2009

Free Film

7:00 PM Sign-in and pre-Registration for Febr. 14 Conference

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Free Film: "Scarred Lands & Wounded Lives"
-- Discussion & light refreshments

Saturday, Febr. 14, 2009

08:00 AM Registration & Breakfast

09:00 AM Introduction. PSR Continues to Confront the Gravest Threats to Health: Jeff Patterson DO, National PSR, President Elect

09:30 AM PANEL #1-- Challenging Coal in the Midwest

1. Coal's Dirty Life Cycle: Maureen McCue MD PhD
2. Beyond Coal: Paul Deaton CRST Logistics, Chairman Johnson County BOH
3. PSR's Code Black Campaign: Barbara Gottlieb (invited)

10:30 AM PANEL #2 -- Nuclear Weapons

1. Catastrophic Environmental Consequences of Regional and Global Nuclear War: Steven Starr, PSR Senior Scientist
2. PSR Prescription for a Nuclear-Free Future: Jeff Patterson DO

11:30 AM PANEL #3 -- Health Sciences Students Step Up to the Challenges.

1. Confronting Coal: Sameet Sangha MPH Student
2. Healthcare in Palestine: Harb Harb, UI MD/PhD Student

12:30 PM Luncheon

01:00 PM Nuclear Power -- Not the Bridge to Safe, Clean Energy -- What the Experts are Saying: John Rachow PhD MD

02:15 PM Midwest Regional PSR Meeting, Where do we go from here?

04:00 PM Adjourn

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

Rationale

Disasters, permafrost melting, unstable agricultural yields, growing health problems, and many other potential crises driven by climate change have begun taking a toll on people around the world—all at a time of increasing scarcity of basic resources like oil, food and water. Many predict an increasingly fragmented world, where conflict over scarce resources will rise, poorly contained by existing international institutions, while nuclear proliferation, particularly in the Middle East, and even nuclear conflict grow more likely. International organizations, like the UN, seem ill-prepared and incapable of rising to the challenges without concerted efforts by a variety of other actors around the world including the healing voice of medicine and public health. A transition to a healthier, more just and environmentally sustainable future based on cleaner energy is essential—it is just the speed and under what circumstances we get to that future. During the window of opportunity brought about by the recent electoral events, Midwest PSR members hope to engage others in the health professions, especially those just beginning their careers, to become more informed and actively engaged in confronting the gravest health challenges of the day.

Objectives

1. Film and Discussion: Participants will be able to describe the varied health impacts of war beginning with preparation for war, those occurring throughout conflicts, and the risks persisting for decades after a cease fire is declared.
2. Panel #1 -- Challenging Coal in the Midwest: Participants will be able to describe the coal life cycle, explain health risks associated with each stage, especially regarding vulnerable populations here in Iowa.
3. Panel #2 -- Nuclear Weapons: Participants will assess the risks of nuclear proliferation and help formulate an appropriate public health/medical response.
4. Panel #3 -- Students Step Up to the Challenges: Participants will be able to assess mentoring/teaching opportunities and propose approaches to training health professionals better able to respond to the gravest health threats of our time.
5. Nuclear Power: Participants will be able to discuss the health threats and opportunity costs inherent to any increased use of nuclear power.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

PSR members, physicians, allied health professionals, general public, environmental activists, and students.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CREDIT: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine and Physicians for Social Responsibility. The UI Carver College is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 8.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

REGISTRATION

The Friday (Febr. 13) Film & Discussion is free to the public. Fees for the Conference on Saturday (Febr. 14) cover continental breakfast, luncheon, and printed materials. Registration for the conference on Saturday (Febr. 14) is by a sliding scale suggested donation (see registration form, over). Pre-registration by Wednesday February 11 is required to ensure food on Saturday. Registration can be made by mail (clip, complete and mail the registration form) or online via credit card or PayPal, (see Conference web page address below). Payment can be made at the door February 13 or 14 provided you notify us of your intent to attend by phone, email, or US mail by February 11. Walk-ins can be accommodated but food is not guaranteed.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

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MORE INFORMATION

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