

2026 P2 West

Keynote speakers Bio's (in order of keynote session)

Heather Barlett has been with the Department of Ecology since 2014, initially leading the Water Quality Program prior to stepping into the Deputy Director role in February 2020. In her role as Deputy Director, she oversees all the environmental programs and agency administration and operations. She has over 35 years of working in the public sector in natural resource management and environmental protection.

Hugh O'Neill, PPRC, likes people, partnerships, and personal growth. Lately, he has been using liberating structures and related tools to facilitate collaborative learning experiences. Hugh has many years of experience working with businesses to prevent pollution. He developed several alliances between public, private and non-profit organizations to reduce toxic chemical use, wastes, emissions, and costs. Hugh enjoys collaborating with people and groups to bring out the best in each other.

Dr. Gavin Macgregor-Skinner is a globally recognized expert in biological risk management, infectious disease prevention, and workforce safety with more than 30 years of field and policy experience across 40+ countries. He is a trained epidemiologist and completed the 2-year US CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service Officers training known as CDC's disease detectives. As Senior Director at ISSA – The Association for Cleaning & Facility Solutions and Associate Professor at Penn State College of Medicine, he bridges science, public health, and practical action — empowering individuals, communities, and organizations to make safer, evidence-based decisions that protect human health and the environment.

Jon Smieja earned his BS in Chemistry from the University of St. Thomas and his PhD in Inorganic Chemistry from UC San Diego. He began his career at Steelcase Inc. as an environmental chemist, later becoming a leader in sustainable design and development. In 2017, Jon joined Andersen Windows & Doors as product sustainability manager, advancing to corporate sustainability manager in 2019. Jon served as VP of Circularity from 2022-2025 at GreenBiz, a media and events company advancing the just transition to a clean economy. He is now the Director of Circularity and EPR at the full-service sustainability consultancy WAP Sustainability.

Breakout speaker Bio's

Alphabetical by last name; main speakers and those providing bios included

Dr. Ann Blake is an independent consultant with over 30 years of experience finding safer alternatives to industrial chemicals and materials in global manufacturing. Her work has included creating criteria for environmentally preferable purchasing, ecolabels and product rating systems as well as local, national and international chemicals policy reform. Prior to consulting, Dr. Blake worked for the California Environmental Protection Agency's Department of Toxic Substances Control as a hazardous waste inspector and Pollution Prevention Coordinator. Dr. Blake currently serves as the Executive Director of the Jenifer Altman Foundation, supporting environmental health and justice globally. Dr. Blake has a B.A. from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, and a Ph.D. in molecular genetics and neural development from the University of Oregon.

Chris Bradley and James McCreary are Air Quality Specialists at South Coast AQMD. They both participate in the development and proposal of air quality regulations in the Los Angeles Metropolitan area of Southern California. Chris has worked on crafting a phase-out approach for toxic solvents in automotive refinishing coatings, solvent cleaning materials and currently marine and pleasure craft coatings rules. James has developed multiple rules reducing VOCs and toxic emissions from various industries, including oil and gas and waste management. Chris and James continue to seek opportunities to reduce impacts on communities from common sources of air pollution and pave a regulatory path for other state and local agencies to follow.

Sonrisa Cooper serves as Sustainable Economy & Just Transition Analyst at the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS), where she advances strategies to ensure Portland's climate transition is inclusive and equitable. She leads the Clean Industry Initiative, a collaborative effort to help Portland's industrial sector transition to a zero-carbon future and works closely with community-based organizations to incorporate principles of climate justice in local policy. In 2024, she led the passage of Portland's Equitable Gas Leaf Blower Phase-out. Sonrisa's work is grounded in a multidisciplinary background in racial equity, affordable housing, energy efficiency, and urban planning.

Michelle Gaither is PPRC's Industrial Engineer. She is interested in environmental preservation and conservation, climate action, and reducing exposure to toxics. She has over 25 years of experience in pollution prevention and has contributed to a broad range of pollution prevention successes, outreach, and implementation.

Laura Gillan is an environmental health advocate and toxicologist with over a decade of experience bridging science and policy to advance a more equitable and healthy world,

with a focus on communities disproportionately impacted by environmental hazards. As a senior manager at Breast Cancer Prevention Partners, she led campaigns that shape federal, state, and corporate policies to reduce exposure to chemicals linked to breast cancer, while also partnering with industry through initiatives like the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics. Her background in human health risk assessment under major regulatory frameworks—including CERCLA (Superfund), the Clean Air Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act—grounds her work in rigorous science and public health protection. As mentioned on our call, I think Laura would be a fantastic speaker on several topics, including toxics in hospitals, since she led work on the [CA Toxic-Free Medical Devices Act](#).

Frances Gilliland is the Associate Director of PPRC. She has over 30 years of experience in the environmental field including air quality work in California, developing and running the Santa Barbara County Green Business Program, and managing a variety of sustainability projects.

Shelby Giltner is an Environmental Engineer with the Washington State Department of Ecology's 6PPD Lead Agency Planner. She coordinates 6PPD and 6PPD-quinone strategic planning across the department, interfaces with state, federal, and Tribal governments, and was a team lead for the Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council's Tire Anti-Degradant (6PPD) Team.

Jenny Grossenbacher is the Director of the Montana Pollution Prevention Program (MTP2) at Montana State University, with more than two decades of experience leading applied pollution prevention efforts across Montana. Her work bridges on-the-ground technical assistance with systems thinking, helping organizations reduce waste, increase efficiency, and rethink how materials are used and managed. She is particularly interested in the circular economy as a framework for long-term resilience and responsibility. Jenny works closely with businesses, communities, agencies, and students to turn sustainability concepts into practical action.

Beth Halverson with BRING. After working in mental health for over a decade, she wanted to turn her passion for sustainability and local community support into actionable change. After learning about BRING's technical assistance in Spring 2024, she asked to join BRING's Rethink Business Program. Her first project, a DEQ/EPA funded Food + Beverage Manufacturing Partnership, taught the importance of refrigeration management in food production and retail. "Offering change with a helping hand" is her mantra: she is passionate about supporting Pollution Prevention efforts at every level!

Kevin Masterson has over 37 years of experience developing, implementing, and evaluating pollution management and reduction programs. He is currently Senior Environmental Consultant for Stony Creek Consulting where he works with non-profit

organizations and local governments on chemical pollution prevention initiatives, including efforts to support the transition to safer chemicals and to protect water quality. Previously, Kevin worked for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for 27 years in several roles, including leading many of the agency's toxics reduction initiatives, and coordinating stormwater management and regional pollution prevention programs.

Minal Mistry is the material systems research lead at Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. His focus areas broadly encompass the Enhancing Wellbeing with Ecology's 6PPD Team, where she focuses on stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP) effectiveness studies. With a foundation in both biological and engineering principles. Her work contributes to advancing the understanding and implementation of effective stormwater management strategies in the state of Washington.

Cherlyn Seruto (founder of EcoSpark Solutions, LLC) has over 20 years' experience in community sustainability, energy efficiency, and resiliency. She currently provides technical support to tribal governments through Prosper Sustainably, and for the Viejas P2 project is leading pollution prevention assessments, fleet electrification initiatives, and waste reduction efforts. Beyond these tribal engagements, Cherlyn leads utility demand-side management (DSM) portfolio evaluations nationwide, conducts electrification assessments, and serves as an owners representative for utility DSM departments. Her work emphasizes translating client goals into practical, scalable tools and processes that produce measurable outcomes.

Olivia Tahti has been working in the pretreatment field for three years with Carollo Engineers, Inc. She has assisted clients across the US with pretreatment needs; her recent projects include sampling plans, local limit evaluations, and industrial permitting. Recently, she has assisted utilities with the addition of semiconductor manufacturing facilities to their service areas. Each facility comes with its own set of challenges: political balancing acts, unexpected pollutant contributions, and dominating wastewater flows.

Kelly Tolbert, PharmD, BCSCP, is the Operations Manager of Inpatient Pharmacy at Legacy Health in Portland, Oregon. She has extensive experience in sterile compounding across hospital settings as well as 503A and 503B facilities. Kelly serves as the lead for Legacy Health's USP Standards Committee, where she oversees the review, interpretation, and implementation of compounding standards across the health system, ensuring regulatory compliance and operational readiness. As a Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS)– Board Certified Sterile Compounding Pharmacist (BCSCP), she brings specialized expertise in sterile compounding, pharmacy operations, workflow design, and the integration of USP requirements into sustainable practices that support safe, high-quality patient care.

Heather Trim, Executive Director, Zero Waste Washington, has more than 25 years of experience in environmental work ranging from zero waste to toxic chemicals and habitat issues. At Zero Waste Washington, her focus has been on reducing upstream sources of waste and addressing downstream impacts, getting toxic chemicals out of products, eliminating plastic pollution, and building on the organization's signature producer responsibility policy initiatives. Previously, at Futurewise, she worked to prevent runoff from entering our waterways and improve shoreline management practices and policies. Heather was at People for Puget Sound for over ten years where she focused on protections for the marine environment.

Ryeann-Marie Tuomisto has 25 years of municipal stormwater and wastewater experience working at Seattle Public Utilities, City of Bellevue and the City of Kirkland. She is currently the Water Quality Program Coordinator for the City of Kirkland with lead responsibilities of the Source Control, Pollution Prevention Assistance, and Source Tracing Programs. Ryeann-Marie is passionate about educating people on ways to protect wetlands, streams, and lakes from pollution and ensuring natural habitat are safe for everyone's enjoyment well into the future.

Kaitlin Urso manages the Colorado SBAP which provides free environmental consulting services to small businesses in Colorado. SBAP provides compliance and sustainability assistance related to air, waste, water, and energy. Kaitlin has been with CDPHE since 2011, SBAP since 2014, and has a mechanical engineering degree from CU Boulder.

Thomas Vinson has founded several environmental programs. His latest efforts include mentoring interns under a P2 grant and developing a sustainability certification program at UTA. His best friend, Shia the SustainaDog, is dedicated to the elimination of food waste through his one scrap at a time program.

Donna Walden has 25 years' experience in global marketing and managing not-for-profit organizations. Walden was responsible for launching the green business program for Nevada, running since 2019 and implementing the certification model and portal. For 5 years, Walden was the Regional Coordinator for the Western Sustainability & Pollution Prevention Network, where she managed EPA grants, provided educational and resources for technical assistance for EPA Region 9. In 2022, Walden was recognized as P2 Champion by her peers at the P2 West Conference in Portland, Oregon.

Patrick Witmer with B. Braun is a public affairs and communications professional with a broad range of experience in leadership roles with global manufacturing companies, industry groups and community organizations.

Dr. Katy Wolf is a consultant to nonprofit organizations on EPA and other government agency grants. She was Director of a nonprofit organization, the Institute for Research and Technical Assistance (IRTA) for 30 years where she identified, tested, demonstrated and helped implement safer alternatives, with a heavy focus on solvents and solvent alternatives. She has more than 200 publications.

Maggie Yuse is Seattle Public Utilities' State Legislative Liaison, representing a municipality owned drinking water, sewer and stormwater, and solid waste utility in Washington's capital. She advocates for legislation to hold producers responsible for their waste, prevent pollution, and protect salmon. Maggie will be joined on this panel by Alexei Calambokidis of Trout Unlimited Washington and potentially one other supporter of the legislation.