



Converging Environmental Crises

Nation's top public health experts gather for web conference on environment

Researchers at The Ohio State University College of Public Health have gathered some of the nation's top experts in public health and the environment for a Web-based conversation on the current state of our planet's health, as a part of National Public Health Week, April 7-13.

"Converging Environmental Crises" is a Web-based conference featuring more than a dozen health and environmental experts who will provide live and recorded presentations on topics such as global warming, overpopulation and energy depletion.

The conference was organized by Mac Crawford, assistant professor in the College's Division of Environmental Health Sciences.

"With regard to the unfolding energy, climate and food crises, I think it's critical that public health take on roles analogous to the early days of sanitation, when clean water, properly-handled waste, and hygiene were promoted and ensured by the public health community," Crawford said. "In the same way, public health can be at the forefront of encouraging people and their governments to conserve energy and water.

"I hope this Webcast will help bring attention to public health's critical roles in response to these challenges."

The conference, facilitated by the Ohio Supercomputer Center, will occur online at <http://sg60.oar.net/> (select "Converging Environmental Crisis" from the pull-down menu) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 10. It will be based in Columbus and link to sites around the U.S. and Canada.

For more information and to view a complete schedule of events, download the ["Converging Environmental Crises" PDF](#).

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