

SCHPCA

*South Carolina Health Professionals
for Climate Action*



Hello, health and climate advocates! Thank you for perusing our April newsletter. Read on for our mission and a few great educational and/or newsworthy climate and health activities for this month.
Reminder: Earth Day is Thursday, April 22!

SCHPCA is now live on Facebook. Check our page! Click or copy/paste:
<https://www.facebook.com/SCHealthProfessionalsforClimateAction>

SCHPCA MISSION STATEMENT:

Our MISSION is to **educate** the public and health professionals on the impact of climate change on health; to **advocate** for state policy focused on mitigation, adaptation, and equity; and to **collaborate** with state and national groups, as healthy professionals have the ability and duty to approach rapid climate change as the key public health issue of our times.

NATIONAL POLICY IN THE NEWS:



John Kerry is the appointed U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate.
Read on the State Department's website about our national initiatives (copy/paste) and keep up to date on Kerry's travels and actions:

<https://www.state.gov/policy-issues/climate-and-environment/>

SCHPCA partners with Sustaining Way:



We are thrilled and thankful to have officially partnered with Sustaining Way, an interfaith non-profit based in Greenville, SC, that uses education, collaboration and advocacy to create sustainable, caring and equitable communities for current and future generations.

APRIL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY:



On Wednesday, April 21 from 11 AM - Noon ET, join the Medical Society Consortium and the American Lung Association on the day of the release of its **22nd Annual “State of the Air”** report. This webinar is designed for partners in the health and environmental community interested in learning more about the “State of the Air” 2021 report findings – including the latest air quality trends in the United States, how climate change is impacting air quality, who is most at risk from air pollution, what federal policies can reduce pollution and more. Copy/past to learn more:

<https://medsocietiesforclimatehealth.org/continuing-medical-education/april-21-2021-webinar-state-air-briefing/>

WHAT WE'RE READING/WATCHING/LISTENING TO:

Books:

Hayley recommends All We Can Save, a 2020 collection of essays and poetry edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katharine Wilkinson. This is a feminist anthology about the climate crisis and what we can do to help.

Liz recommends What We Know About Climate Change by Kerry Emmanuel. This book is by an MIT climatologist who also happens to be a political conservative. His perspective is objective, and I feel could be persuasive in our conservative state. It is quite short and an easy but informative read.

News article:

Check out Inside Climate News' recent article reviewing the ways Biden proposes to address climate in the context of his recently unveiled \$2 Trillion infrastructure package. Copy/paste <https://insideclimatenews.org/news/31032021/biden-infrastructure-plan-climate-change/>.

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