



JOHN P. WYATT, M.D.
Environment and
Health Symposium

2026 Earth Day | Wednesday, April 22 | 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
UK Gatton Student Center – Ballrooms B/C | 160 Avenue of Champions, Lexington, KY 40508

“Air Pollution & Health Science: A Double-Edged Sword”

9:30
AM CHECK-IN

10:00
AM WELCOME

10:15
AM LIGHTNING TALKS
Juried competition featuring students presenting their environmental health research in **3** minutes & **3** slides.

11:15
AM NETWORKING LUNCHEON

11:45
AM 2026 WYATT AWARD PRESENTATION

12:00
PM KEYNOTE



“Air Pollution & Health Science: A Double-Edged Sword”

C. Arden Pope, III

EMERITUS PROFESSOR, ECONOMICS
KARL G. MAESER DISTINGUISHED
UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR
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Douglas W. Dockery, ScD

EMERITUS PROFESSOR,
ENVIRONMENTAL EPIDEMIOLOGY
HARVARD T.H. CHAN
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

1:00
PM PANELISTS

“Kentucky Air Quality Regulatory Update”



Michael Kennedy, PE

DIRECTOR, KY DIVISION FOR AIR QUALITY
DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
KENTUCKY ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET

“Air Quality Monitoring and Modeling: Lessons for Communities in Kentucky and Beyond”



Tianjun Lu, PhD

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, EPIDEMIOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

“The Clean Air Act and Community-Engaged Research”

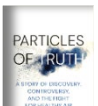


Shavonnie R. Carthens, JD

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW
COLLEGE OF LAW
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

1:30
PM Keynote & Panel Q&A from Audience

2:00 **LIGHTNING TALK AWARDS**
PM Presentation of Student Lightning Talk Awards & People's Choice Awards

2:15 **BOOK SIGNING**
PM  **Particles of Truth:
A Story of Discovery, Controversy, & the Fight for Healthy Air**
by C. Arden Pope III & Douglas Dockery

TECHNOLOGY FAIR

Discover tools currently empowering scientists & state agencies to protect public health & improve air quality across the region.

EHS SHOWCASE

Connect with the University of Kentucky Environmental Health Sciences Centers to explore their specialized research and community-driven initiatives.

3:00 **CONCLUSION**
PM

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 Center for
the Environment

 Center for Appalachian Research in
Environmental Sciences (UK-CARES)