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ABOUT US

The George Washington University Climate & Health Institute (CHI) was chartered in May 2021 and envisions an evidence-based global response by governments and stakeholders to mitigate the climate crisis and equitably improve public health. The CHI is a university-wide collaboration at GW prioritizing cross-disciplinary research, training, and action to address challenges associated with climate change.

Upholding our pledge to cross-disciplinary collaboration, CHI team members represent various schools across GW including GWSPH, SMHS, Columbian College of Arts & Sciences (CCAS), the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration at CCAS, the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS), the Graduate School of Education and Human Development (GSEHD), the Elliott School of International Affairs, GW Law School, and the GW School of Business (GWSB).



Dr. Susan Anenberg is the Director of the CHI and Chair of the Environmental and Occupational Health Department at the George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health. Dr. Anenberg's research focuses on the health implications of air pollution and climate change, from local to global scales. She currently serves on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Science Advisory Board and Clean Air Act Advisory Committee, the World Health Organization's Global Air Pollution and Health Technical Advisory Group, and the National Academy of Science's Committee to Advise the U.S. Global Change Research Program. She also serves as President of the GeoHealth section of the American Geophysical Union.



Dr. Tummala is a Co-Director of the CHI and Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Dr. Tummala is a board-certified physician whose clinical area of expertise is in general otolaryngology (ENT) including sinus and nasal disorders, ear disease, and voice and swallowing concerns. She has a special interest in the effects of climate change on population health and is a prolific writer and lecturer on this issue and has contributed pieces to The Washington Post, Scientific American, CNN, USA Today, The Hill, Newsweek, and The Baltimore Sun. She is on the Board for Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action, is a trained Climate Reality Leader, and is a co-founder of Surgeons for a Sustainable Future.

JOURNALISTS GUIDE

Using the World Weather Attribution Project’s guide for reporting on extreme weather and climate change as an exemplary model, CHI student research fellows along with faculty mentors have compiled specific guidance on ways in which journalists can more accurately and truthfully report on stories around climate co-benefits. The guide includes informative elements such as an introduction to co-benefits, considerations on fair and accurate coverage of co-benefits, and case study examples, as well as tools to aid in reporting such as a checklist, a glossary of commonly used terms (and ways to rephrase jargon), and a resource guide.

Completed within an interprofessional team, with members representing both public health and media/public affairs, this journalists guide aims to move from “the familiar” to this potentially unfamiliar, and emerging space of climate co-benefits reporting.

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