SPEAKERS

Philip J. Landrigan, MD, MSc, the Ethel H. Wise Professor and Chairman for the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine at Mount Sinai, is a pediatrician and an international leader in public health and preventive medicine. Dr. Landrigan’s pioneering research on the effects of lead poisoning in children led the US government to mandate removal of lead from gasoline and paint, actions that have produced a 90% decline in incidence of childhood lead poisoning over the past 25 years. His leadership of a National Academy of Sciences Committee on pesticides in children’s diets generated widespread understanding that children are uniquely vulnerable to toxic chemicals in the environment and secured passage of the Food Quality Protection Act, this nation’s major federal pesticide law and the first environmental statute to contain specific protections for infants and children. Dr. Landrigan served as Senior Advisor on Children’s Health to the Environmental Protection Agency, and he was responsible at EPA for creating the Office of Children’s Health Protection. Most recently, Dr. Landrigan has been a leader in developing and sustaining the National Children’s Study, the largest study of children’s health and the environment ever launched in the United States.

Joel Forman, MD, is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Community and Preventive Medicine. He began his training at the University of Vermont College of Medicine in Burlington, VT, where he was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Society and received the New England Pediatric Society Prize. Dr. Forman then served as Pediatric intern, resident and chief resident at Mount Sinai Hospital where he received the Association of Attending Staff/Bella Trachtenberg Award for House Staff Excellence. Subsequently, he joined the general pediatric faculty at Mount Sinai. Dr. Forman served as Assistant Pediatric Residency Program Director from 1996 to 2002. In 2002, he took over as Pediatric Residency Program Director and Vice-Chair for Education. He and Dr. Landrigan worked together on the creation of a Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU) at Mount Sinai. Dr. Forman is currently a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Environmental Health and a member of the CDC Lead in Pregnancy Workgroup.

Maida Galvez, MD, MPH joined Mount Sinai’s faculty as an Assistant Professor in the Departments of Community and Preventive Medicine and Pediatrics after having completed Mount Sinai’s fellowship in Environmental Pediatrics. She is the Director of Mount Sinai’s Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit. Dr. Galvez is Co-Principal Investigator and a designated New Investigator of an NIEHS and EPA funded research project entitled “Growing Up Healthy in East Harlem,” a community based participatory research project examining the environmental determinants of childhood obesity. She is also Co-Investigator of an NIEHS/NCI funded project assessing environmental determinants of puberty in girls.

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