



## 2nd Edition of Achieving Environmental Health Equity: Great Expectations

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### Message from the Collection Editors

It has long been obvious that environment and human health are intricately linked. These disparities are heavily influenced by socio-economics, geography, occupation, government policies, and many other exacerbating factors. Funding agencies have recognized the importance of addressing health disparities in improving community and population health. However, how does this help us to achieve environmental health equity, and is this even remotely possible? The premise of this topical collection is that we can do more to move closer toward environmental health equity through reducing disparities, and that there are many “lessons learned” to be shared by and with communities that face these disparities—urban, peri-urban, and rural. Invariably, these “lessons” are community-driven, and therefore, community leadership and engagement should be a major focus in addressing health disparities. Papers describing studies in which community–academic partnerships reduce environmental health risks in sustainable ways are encouraged, but also research that realistically outlines the challenges community–academic collaborations are facing is welcome.





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