

It is truly an honor to serve as Executive Director of Wisconsin for Environmental Justice (W4EJ). Throughout my career, I've had the privilege of working alongside thoughtful, passionate leaders who believe in building a more just and equitable society. I'm excited to bring that same commitment to W4EJ and to work toward a future where everyone has the opportunity to live in a healthy, thriving community.

At its heart, environmental justice is about people. It's about making sure our families can breathe clean air, drink clean water, and live in communities that are safe, healthy, and prepared for the future. When I was invited to join the W4EJ team to raise awareness about the growing threat of climate change and the investments Wisconsin needs to protect its communities and infrastructure, I knew this was work I wanted to be part of.

My background in financial services, along with my education, has shaped how I think about the relationship between economic opportunity, environmental sustainability, and equity. I believe meaningful progress requires a commitment to people, planet, and profits—in that order. For too long, corporations have enjoyed the financial benefits of practices that leave the public to shoulder significant environmental and social costs. When communities pay the price through polluted air and water, damage to their neighborhoods, and the growing costs of increasingly more and more severe weather catastrophes, something is fundamentally wrong. The fossil fuel industry must be held accountable for its role in the climate crisis. The costs of environmental harm should not be left to families, communities, and future generations to bear. Protecting our environment is a shared responsibility, and those who contribute to the problem must do their part to address it.

I'm proud to be part of W4EJ's work to bring these issues to the forefront, stand alongside affected communities, and help build a healthier, more equitable future for Wisconsin. At the end of the day, this is about the kind of state we want to leave our children and grandchildren: one where clean air and water are a given, communities have the resources they need to thrive, and the well-being of people and our planet matters more than short-term profits. I look forward to having you join us on our mission.