



Collaborative on Health and the Environment September 2015



Upcoming Partnership Events

CHE Partnership call: [A Good Start Lasts a Lifetime: Developmental Origins of Health and Disease Textbook Release](#)

Tues, Sept 22
Hosted by the CHE Fertility and Reproductive Health Working Group

CHE Partnership call: [One Pediatrician's Journey Pioneering the Field of](#)



The Faraway Nearby

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Rebecca Solnit, in her book *The Faraway Nearby*, evokes Georgia O'Keeffe's closing line in letters she sent to friends after she moved from New York to New Mexico--as well as her painting by the same title. In Solnit's volume, gaining greater intimacy with one's own inner topography is generated by traveling huge distances geographically, philosophically, and

[Children's Environmental Health: A Conversation with Dr. Philip Landrigan](#)

Tues, Sept 29

CHE Partnership call: [The Cost of Exposure: What Do Health Tracking Programs Tell Us About the Cost of Disease Amongst Children?](#)

Thurs, Oct 8

CHE Partnership call: [Theories of Carcinogenesis: Mutations and Cancer](#)

Tues, Oct 13

Visit the [CHE Partnership call archives](#) and [CHE Working Group call archives](#) to listen to MP3 recordings of past calls.

Resources

[CHE's Toxicant and Disease Database](#)

[CHE's searchable calendar](#) of events related to environmental health.

[CHE's blog](#) of commentary on

historically through her lyrical prose. In O'Keeffe's painting, the stark articulation of an imagined and distant realm brings us closer in touch with our own mortality, embedded in each breath we take.

And in the kaleidoscope of our every day lives, we are absorbed one moment by the horrors that immigrants are experiencing as they flee persecution and violence in their homelands, and in the next, by the heart-wrenching sobs of our own child slighted by her best friend.

It is no different in the field of environmental health. This ever-changing lens of what seems faraway and what is nearby spurs our work on. We read a report stating that pollution kills more people every year than all the major infectious diseases combined. And then learn of a friend's cancer that may have been triggered in part by chronic exposure to certain toxic chemicals. The magnitude of global threats is found in the particular, and the particular connects us to the universal challenges to our collective health.

Dancing between these different levels of knowing demands that we hold a systems perspective while exploring the intricate workings of a single cell--without losing ourselves entirely in either. And this is what CHE tries to do every day: Provide the latest science on, say, a biological mechanism

current topics.

[CHE's podcast](#) of teleconference call recordings.

[CHE's news feed](#) of news articles, studies, reports, calls for proposals, job openings and other announcements. Relevant items are sent to CHE's listservs several times each week, or visitors can subscribe via RSS.

[A Story of Health eBook](#), usable by parents and individuals who have no formal training in science or medicine, but it also has layers of additional information and materials for physicians, nurses, and other clinicians who want to dig deeper. [Free continuing education credits](#) are available.

activated by a particular exposure, while contextualizing that event in the complexity of interacting factors that can influence our health. In other words, we try to bring the faraway nearby and connect what is nearby to the faraway in ways that enhance our collective knowledge and leverage change towards a healthier future.

As Fall begins, please join our learning community in this dynamic, multi-layered conversation. One way to start is by registering for any or all of our [upcoming teleconferences with leading researchers](#). Or [sign up for a listserv](#) that interests you to engage in civil, constructive dialogue. Through these services and many more, no matter how faraway you may be geographically, you can always be nearby those who are dedicated to improving public environmental health for all.

Warm wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "M".

Working Groups and Initiatives

Visit the webpages of CHE's groups for the latest news, research, and announcements:

Topic-based Working Groups

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[Children's Health](#)

[Climate Change](#)

[Cumulative Impacts](#)

[Database](#)

[Diabetes/Obesity](#)

[Electromagnetic Fields \(EMF\)](#)

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