

Announcing the Annual Lifetime Achievement Awards

The Annual International Conference on Soils, Sediments, Water, and Energy is pleased to announce the recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is presented to individuals who have shown significant contributions to the field as well as outstanding environmental stewardship. This year's winners are Halina Szejnwald Brown, Clark University and The Honorable Gina McCarthy, Former Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency; Harvard Fellow.



Halina Szejnwald Brown is Professor Emerita of Environmental Science and Policy at Clark University and Associate Fellow at Tellus Institute. She came to the U.S. at age 20 as a refugee from Poland. With a doctoral degree in chemistry, during the 1980s Brown was a chief toxicologist at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, advising the commissioner on the agency's environmental health policy. Since coming to Clark in 1987, Brown's research and teaching has evolved in several directions. She published and consulted widely on new methods of risk assessment and led a pioneering study of how U.S. multinational corporations managed hazards in their facilities in India and Thailand. She conducted a study of the institutionalization of Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), a global model for civil regulation based on information disclosure. During the 1990s Brown worked in Poland studying the relationship between air pollution and lung cancer, and the transition of the environmental and occupational regulatory system to market economy and democracy.

Since 2000 the theme of Brown's work has been the interface between technology, policy and culture in a transition to sustainable and prosperous future. Working in the U.S. and Europe, Brown has studied technological innovations systems and socio-technical transitions. In 2008 she co-founded the knowledge network Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative (SCORAI) and is its board member. Brown was a visiting professor at University of Utrecht, Delft University, and Central European University; served on numerous committees of the National Academy of Sciences; and is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a Fellow of the International Society for Risk Analysis.

Brown co-chairs Citizens' Commission on Energy in her home town of Newton, MA. She co-authored four books: *Corporate Environmentalism in a Global Economy*; *Effective Environmental Regulation: Lessons from Poland's Experience*; *Innovations in Sustainable Consumption*; and *Social Change and the Coming of Post-consumer Society*.

Gina McCarthy's 35-year career in public service has been dedicated to environmental protection and public health. As Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under President Barack Obama, she was the nation's leading advocate for common-sense strategies to protect public health and the environment, including efforts to address the challenge of climate change and ensure the protection of the country's water resources. Her leadership led to significant federal, state, and local actions on critical issues related to the environment, economic growth, energy, and transportation. Since leaving Washington, McCarthy has been a Fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government's Institute of Politics and the Menschel Senior Leadership Fellow at Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She is currently working as an operating advisor at Pegasus Capital Advisors to enhance investment in wellness and sustainability.

