



! 75 in attendance !



Great day! Great attendees! Great students! Great speakers!

5 student teams of MT Healthcare Professional students poster and presented at our fourth annual conference. See their work [here](#). MSU was a beautiful venue.

Watch the lectures [here](#)

75 attended either in-person or on line.

See you next year!

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## NEW Climate and Health Moodle Course

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**Overview:** Rob Byron MD HPH FACP

**Mental Health and Brain Effects:** Jenn Robohm PhD

**Kids/Fetuses/Pregnant moms:** Lori Byron MD MS

**Heat/Extreme Weather:** Robert Merchant MD, FACP

**Indigenous people:** JoRee LaFrance PhD candidate

**Food/Water Issues:** Lindsey Ganong

**Infectious Disease:** Elise Merchant MD

**Hospital Sustainability:** Beth Shcnk PhD RN

**SDOH/Social Justice:** Julia Ryder RN, MPH

**Pharmacy:** Hayley Blackburn, PharmD

**Disabilities:** Anita Lowe Taylor, MD

**Microplastics and Human Health** Megan Wolff PhD

## NEAR YOU

We will be at all of these. If you would like to help table for 2 hours at any of these, please let us know.

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4/18 9-3 **Flathead Valley** Community College . Earth Day Expo Angie Winter [angela.m.winter@outlook.com](mailto:angela.m.winter@outlook.com)

4/21, 11:30-2, Missoula, MT: **University of Montana** Sustainability Fair on the Oval, Apply for a table here: [UM Sustainability Fair Table Sign Ups 2026 - Fill out form](#)

4/18 **Billings Zoo**- ZooMontana's third annual Party for the Planet 10-4 [arobson@zoomontana.org](mailto:arobson@zoomontana.org)

4/18 **Billings Pictograph Caves Tooke, Richard** [rtooke@mt.gov](mailto:rtooke@mt.gov)

4/22 - **Livingston** Trashion and Art show fundraiser for the Green Team 5-7 pm info [here](#)

4/22 - **Browning** Catherine at [beo.hazwaste@gmail.com](mailto:beo.hazwaste@gmail.com) is in charge

4/25 - **Bozeman Earth Day** <https://www.gallatinvalleyearthday.org>

4/25 **Billings** Sustainability Earth Day Fair. People's Garden 11-5 [sustainabillings@gmail.com](mailto:sustainabillings@gmail.com), Metro Gardens

4/25 **Billings** Great American Cleanup/JustServe Service Day <https://www.bnbyc.org/>



## Considering A Little More

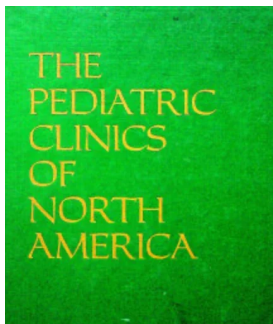
# Involvement?

Consider being a CLIMATE HEALTH STEWARD, just saying that you will **try** to do a climate-health-friendly action a few times a year! We are working toward 406 in the 406 and we are halfway there!

Between bike rides, farm summits, webinars and other virtual trainings, in-person events, flying Air Quality flags, displaying the beautiful Floor Banners for a couple of months, helping with kid events, there is likely something that would be meaningful and manageable for you!

## Dr. Kris Spanjian, Fisherwoman and Doctor

Kris Spanjian was an anesthesiologist and hospitalist in Billings. Her avocation, through, is fishing. She explains how climate change affects fish and the fishing industry which affects economics and passions in Montana, both important for human health!



## Academic Publication

03.26 Lori Byron. Pediatric Clinics of North America. **"The First Step: Walking the Path of a Pediatric Climate Health Advocate."** <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pcl.2026.01.006>

### RECENT ACTIONS AND PRESS

26.03.27 WWAMI Medical Students, **Julia Ryder**: Hospital Sustainability

26.03.25 Bozeman Public Library, **Julia Ryder**: Heat, Drought, Human Health

26.03.21 TedX Talk, U Montana-Western Campus, **Lori Byron**, "Health: the Motivation for Climate Action"

26.03.16 University of Connecticut Pediatric Residents, Guest Lecturer **Lori Byron**: "Health/Climate Advocacy"

26.03.13 Montana Climate Matters Column, **Heather White:**  
Climate Change's emotional effects on Youth.

[Billings Gazette](#), [Miles City Star](#), [Missoulian](#), [MT Standard](#):

26.03.12 U Washington's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Climate Change Clinical  
Symposium, **Hayley Blackburn and Lori Byron**

26.03.11 WWAMI Medical Students, **Rob Byron:** Cardiology and  
Climate Change

26.02.03 Pediatric Clinics of North America. **Lori Byron.** "The First  
Step: Walking the Path of a Pediatric Climate Health Advocate.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pcl.2026.01.006>

25.01.18 New York Times. **Jorja McCormick.** "The Kids who Sued  
Trump just lost big on court: or did they?

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/10/18/climate/climate-lawsuit-children-montana-trump-health.html>



Learning Corner

## 74,000 Newborn Deaths/yr due to Phthalates

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