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Welcoming New Partners, HHRA Submits Comments to The EPA, Highlighting Food Activist Marion Nestle

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“Most industries in the US do better when people aren’t healthy. Our country puts the burden of remaining health on individuals and that’s not fair.”

- Marion Nestle, healthy food advocate on episode 97 of Heartland Stories Radio

WELCOME DR. LUKE WENZEL, GUNDERSEN HEALTH SYSTEM’S PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR (PI)

We are excited to introduce The Heartland Study’s newest site PI, or lead researcher. [Luke Wenzel, DO](#) is an obstetrics & gynecology specialist at our newest study site, Gundersen Health System in La Crosse, WI. He attended medical school at Des Moines University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed residency at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Welcome Dr. Wenzel!

Learn about The Heartland Study [here](#).

HEARTLAND STORIES RADIO AND PODCAST: MARION NESTLE

Professor of nutrition, food studies, and public health at NYU Marion Nestle was ranked the #2 foodie in America by Michael Pollan. She talked to host Theresa Marquéz about her years studying, teaching, and writing about the impact of industrial agriculture on food and nutrition, and how big ag and food corporations are controlling your diet. We also feature Nestle’s newly-published memoir below.

Listen to the episode [here](#).

Congratulations to [Heartland Stories Radio](#) on their 100th episode!!!

FROM OUR RESEARCH ALLIANCE AND BEYOND

HHRA WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER

Please help us welcome our new Board of Directors member Dr. José Cordero, who has signed on for a three-year term. He currently heads the Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics at the College of Public

Health at the University of Georgia. Dr. Cordero was the founding director of the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities at the CDC and received a Leadership Award from the March of Dimes in 2006. His current work includes the [Puerto Rico Testsite for Exploring Contamination Threats \(PROTECT\)](#), a large study on pregnant women and their children researching the impact of prenatal exposure to chemicals, including pesticides. Welcome, Dr. Cordero!

Read Dr. Cordero's bio [here](#).

HHRA SUPPORTS PETITION TO END THE USE OF ORGANOPHOSPHATE INSECTICIDES

HHRA submitted comments to the EPA in September in support of the historic petition by a coalition of 12 groups that calls for an end to organophosphate (OP) pesticide applications on food crops. In 2020, EPA ended the use of the insecticide chlorpyrifos, one of the leading OPs, because of adverse impacts on the neural development of children. HHRA's comments provide data and analysis to unequivocally support immediate and comprehensive cancellation action on the remaining OPs. This action would benefit the health of farmworkers, their families, and people living, working, or going to school near OP-treated fields.

Read the blog [here](#).

AN UPDATE FROM HHRA

Hear the latest on what we have been up to, including a report on The Heartland Study and our Alliance partners.

Read the update [here](#).

RECOMMENDED READING

ORGANIC CENTER REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND PESTICIDES

We must learn from our past in order to improve pesticide regulation for the future. This important report by The Organic Center shares the history of agrochemicals and their role in decades of environmental racism and environmental justice problems in the US food system. They conclude:

“Social justice must be incorporated into all aspects of how we think about agriculture.”

Read the report [here](#).

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

We're working hard to provide scientifically-grounded answers to questions about pesticide exposure and public health. Want to help support our science? A \$100 donation pays for the lab costs to test one urine sample for glyphosate, while \$2,000 covers the cost of enrolling a new mother-infant pair in The Heartland Study.

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