SAVE THE DATE!
The Minnesota Psychiatric Society presents,
"HEALTH IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE"
Saturday, September 30, 2023
Courtyard by Marriott Edina Bloomington Hotel
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POSTER SESSION – Submissions welcome!
Medical students, residents, fellows, post-docs, and junior faculty are invited to submit poster proposals.
Deadline – August 26, 2023  Poster Proposal Online Form

Overview
In Minnesota, we take nature and clean air for granted. This summer, however, has been marred by days of haze from Canadian wildfires. Our pandemic masks have been re-purposed to filter smoke. Climate change has come home to all of us now, and it is past time for action. Al Gore puts it succinctly: “We’re at a fork in the road for where we stand as a species.”

As psychiatrists, we are all too aware that no human exists in a vacuum. We are beginning to understand that climate and environment are major factors in mental health. Recent studies show associations between lack of access to green spaces and psychological distress, with potential future risk for cognitive decline and even schizophrenia. Climate change is also exacerbating social inequities and health risks around the world.

Morning sessions will focus on climate and environmental impacts on individual and community mental health. The afternoon will highlight how we can move forward in this changing world. Throughout the day we will be inspired by posters and talks from the next generation of psychiatrists. Our keynote speaker Elizabeth Haase MD is the Chair of the APA Committee on Climate Change and Mental Health and founding member of the Climate Psychiatry Alliance.

Please join us for a day of education, discussion, camaraderie and inspiration. As Greta Thunberg states, “I have learned you are never too small to make a difference.”

What we learn together at our fall meeting will help us to make a difference in our own and our patients’ lives.