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The 11th Annual Public Health Summer School

Thursday July 9th & Friday July 10th, 2020

Think Globally, Act Locally:

Public Health and the Anthropocene

Online this year due to COVID-19, but just as engaging as ever

Please save the date in your calendars & check back on our website (phabc.org/summer-school-2020) for more details about registration.

For at least the past 70 years, since the mid-20th century, we have been living — unknowingly, for the most part — in a new geologic epoch: The Anthropocene. This new epoch — literally, a line in the sediment — is the geological expression of a set of massive and rapid global ecological changes, one of which is climate change, that are driven by human activity. These ecological changes and the cultural, social, economic, and technological forces causing them have profound implications for our health and wellbeing and current way of life, at all levels from the personal to the global.

The Anthropocene has serious implications for population health and thus for public health practice locally, provincially, nationally and globally. Ensuring good health for all while making a swift and just transformation to a community and society that remains within the carrying capacity of the Earth requires transformational thinking and action. Knowledge and strategies for working in the interplay between social and ecological systems — from climate change to pandemics and at local through to global scales — are critical competencies to cultivate in this epoch.

This two-day online summer school will utilize engaging and equity informed approaches to exploring the population health implications of global ecological change and to identify and create innovative, effective community level interventions.

SPC Co-chairs:

Dr. Trevor Hancock, Retired Professor, School of Public Health and Social Policy, University of Victoria

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For more information or if you have any questions about the summer school please contact the Summer School Coordinator, Christina Harding, at coordinator@phabc.org

