

Keynote Speaker

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Dr. Jason Corburn is an Associate Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, jointly appointed in the College of Environmental Design and the School of Public Health. He directs Berkeley's Center for Global Healthy Cities, co-directs the dual Masters in City Planning and Masters in Public Health degree program and the program in Global Metropolitan Studies.



Professor Corburn's research explores issues of urban health equity in cities of the north and global south, notions of expertise in environmental science policy controversies, and strategies for inclusive upgrading of urban informal settlements, or slums. Professor Corburn is also a global leader in the practice of engaged scholarship and participatory action research, where professionals and community residents partner to solve difficult science, urban development and human health challenges. He has developed action-research partnerships with cities and non-profit organizations across the Bay Area and has helped lead a partnership with the City of Richmond, CA, focused on reversing health, economic and other inequalities called the Richmond Health Equity Partnership.

Professor Corburn has published three award-winning books on urban environmental science. His book, Street Science: Community Knowledge and Environmental Health Justice (MIT Press 2005) won the 2007 Paul Davidoff Best Book Award from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning and was voted by the Journal of the American Planning Association as one of the 30 most influential books in the first 100 years of American City Planning. He is also the author of, Toward the Healthy City: People, Places and the Politics of Urban Planning, (The MIT Press, 2009) and Healthy City Planning: From Neighbourhood to National Health Equity, published by Routledge in 2013.

He received the United Nations Association Global Citizen Award in 2013 for his work helping deliver infrastructure and public health improvements to slum dwellers in Nairobi; has held visiting appointments at the University of Paris; State University of Rio de Janeiro, and the University of Nairobi; is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the International Council for Science (ICSU)'s Urban Health Research Initiative and is an advisor and reviewer for UN-Habitat, the World Health Organization, the US Centers for Disease Control, the African Population and Health Research Center, the California Air Resources Board, the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, and the European Research Council.



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