



**ECOLOGYCENTER**  
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**Fall Fundraiser**

**Thursday**  
**September 19th, 2024**  
**6:00 PM**

**Special thanks to RRS**

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**Presented by: Janis Bobrin and Mike Allemang**

## About Our Speaker

Dr. Tony G. Reames is an internationally recognized scholar in the fields of energy and environmental justice, as well as a senior government policy advisor. He is the Tishman Professor of Environmental Justice and an associate professor at the University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability. Dr. Reames served as Deputy Director for Energy Justice in the Biden-Harris Administration from 2021 to 2023. In this role, he established and led the first-ever Office of Energy Justice Policy and Analysis to conduct research and evaluation on Federal energy policy and programs for advancing racial and socioeconomic equity.



## 2024 Munzel Award Recipient: Megan Owens

Megan Owens is the Executive Director of Transportation Riders United (TRU), which educates, advocates, and mobilizes for more and better public transit throughout metro Detroit. For over 15 years, she has been the region's leading voice for transit, relied on by media, public officials, and transit supporters. She served on the Oakland County Public Transit Authority, which oversaw SMART bus service, and the Regional Transit Authority's Citizen's Advisory Committee.

The Ecology Center has worked closely with Megan and TRU for more than a decade to expand bus and transit service in Washtenaw County and southeast Michigan. We've partnered on winning campaigns to better fund The Ride in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area, and we've worked for years to make regional transit viable in the Detroit Metro area.

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## MUSICAL GUEST

The acclaimed contemporary indie-folk duo Annie and Rod Capps will be joining us as the featured musical guest. Annie and Rod have established themselves as well-respected songwriters, musicians and performers, with three albums topping the Folk Radio charts and as 2-time Kerrville New Folk Finalists. The Capps' sound meets at the intersection of Americana & Folk citing rock, jazz and bluegrass influences. The duo is on a musical journey that began in 1982, culminating into a symbiotic sound that reflects their deep and intuitive understanding of each other. Nine studio albums later they continue to explore their love of blending diverse styles to create a fresh and unique amalgamation all while sticking to their narrative "songs about broken things and poignant little ponderings delivered with a rootsy vibe, a touch of twang and soulful groove".



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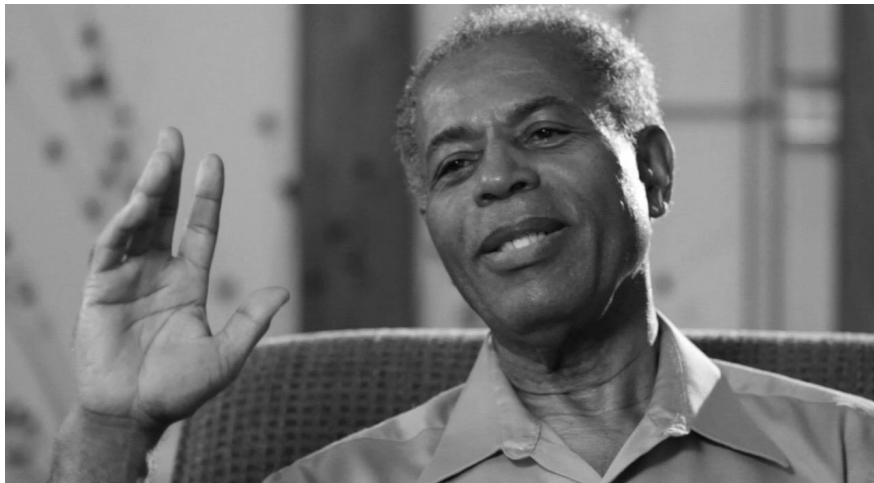


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## In Memory of Bunyan Bryant

1935 - 2024



Bunyan Bryant was a national leader and pioneer in the environmental justice movement, and a beloved professor at the University of Michigan. He was also a mentor, teacher, and collaborator with most of the long-term staff at the Ecology Center.

After joining the UM faculty in 1972, Bunyan developed the Environmental Advocacy curriculum, and later helped establish the first-ever academic program and curriculum in environmental justice at the University of Michigan. He co-organized the January 1990 Michigan Conference on Race and the Incidence of Environmental Hazards, credited by the U.S. EPA as one of the two key events that brought the issue of environmental racism and injustice to the attention of the Agency.

Bunyan served as an early Ecology Center board member, professor to many staff, and long-time supporter and collaborator with our organization. He was a spark that helped ignite the Ecology Center's 54-year-long legacy of environmental activism.

We are forever grateful for Bunyan's lifelong dedication to environmental justice and steadfast commitment to always being a teacher, reminding each of us of our own power to make the world more just, and of the importance of lifting others up to be their own advocates for justice.



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