



# Welcome to the *Stories of Water Equity & Environmental Justice Symposium*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017**

Colorado State University Campus

Lory Student Center, North Ballroom

1101 Center Avenue Mall | Fort Collins, CO 80523



8:00 AM: **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**

8:30 AM: **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

**Reagan Waskom**, Director, Colorado Water Institute and Chair of the CSU Water Center

**Stephanie Malin** and **Melinda Laituri**, SoGES Environmental Justice Working Group

**Provost Miranda**, Colorado State University

9:00 AM: **WATER AS A HUMAN RIGHT**

**Cheryl Distaso**, Coordinator, Fort Collins Community Action Network

*Where are the drinking fountains in downtown Fort Collins? Water justice as a local issue*

**Kim Lemme**, Global Sustainability Manager, Water For People

*Water for people: An international tour*

**Steve Mumme**, Professor of Political Science, Colorado State University

*The new All-American Canal and other water inequities along the U.S.-Mexico boundary*

Moderated by **Neil Grigg**, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Colorado State University

10:00 AM: **BREAK**

10:15 AM: **STORIES OF WATER PRIVATIZATION AND ACCESS**

**Melissa Elliot**, Director of Stakeholder Relations, Denver Water  
*Underpriced, yet expensive: The water industry's wicked problem*

**Kelsea Macilroy**, Sociology Graduate Student, Colorado State University  
*How the well went dry: Tracking spatial inequality in groundwater access in the San Luis Valley, Colorado*

**Michael Wenstrom**, Environmental Protection Specialist, US EPA and **Diane Russell**,  
Community Involvement Coordinator, US EPA  
*Flint: The federal response – An on-the-ground perspective*

Moderated by **Stephanie Malin**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Colorado State University

11:30 AM: **KEYNOTE LUNCHEON**

**David Archambault II**, Chairman of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation  
*Standing Rock Reservation and the Dakota Access pipeline conflict*

Moderated by **Dimitris Stevis**, Professor of Political Science, Colorado State University

1:30 PM: **STORIES FROM UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES' PERSPECTIVES**

**Lorelei Cloud**, Vice Chairwoman, Southern Ute Tribal Council and Chair, Ten Tribes Partnership  
of the Colorado River Basin  
*Stepping up to be counted: The story of the Ten Tribes Partnership of the Colorado River Basin*

**Junita Martinez**, Board Member, Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association  
*Historic community water sharing: A story of acequias in Southern Colorado*

**Hugo Lezama**, Civil and Environmental Engineering student and Water Sustainability Fellow,  
Colorado State University  
*National Western Center youth water project: Diversifying voices and raising awareness*

Moderated by **MaryLou Smith**, Policy and Collaboration Specialist, Colorado Water Institute

2:30 PM: **BREAK**

2:45 PM: **STORIES FROM AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE**

**Woldezion Mesghinna**, President and Principal Engineer, Natural Resources Consulting Engineers

**George Taylor**, Visiting Fellow, School of Global Environmental Sustainability,  
Colorado State University

**Bill Timpson**, Professor, School of Education, Colorado State University

Moderated by **Melinda Laituri**, Professor of Ecosystem Science and Sustainability, Colorado State University

3:50 PM: **STORIES OF RIVERS AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

**Ellen Wohl**, Professor of Geosciences, Colorado State University  
*An environmental bill of rights for rivers*

**Gary Wockner**, Executive Director, Save the Poudre  
*Rivers as legal and living entities*

**Sarah Romano**, Assistant Professor, University of Northern Colorado  
*Water equity and environmental justice: Where do we go from here?*

Moderated by **Reagan Waskom**, Colorado Water Institute and CSU Water Center

4:45 PM: **AUDIENCE DISCUSSION AND CLOSING REMARKS**

5:15 PM: **RECEPTION** – Cash bar and appetizers - *Longs Peak Room*

## **SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

**Neil Grigg**, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Colorado State University

**Julie Kallenberger**, Water Education and Outreach Specialist, CSU Water Center

**Melinda Laituri**, Professor of Ecosystem Science and Sustainability, Colorado State University

**Stephanie Malin**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Colorado State University

**MaryLou Smith**, Policy and Collaboration Specialist, Colorado Water Institute

**Faith Sternlieb**, Postdoctoral Fellow for Secondary Cities, Department of Ecosystem Science and Sustainability, Colorado State University

**Dimitris Stevis**, Professor of Political Science, Colorado State University

**Veronica Travers**, B.S. Student, Department of Forest and Rangeland Stewardship, Colorado State University

**Reagan Waskom**, Director, Colorado Water Institute and Chair of the CSU Water Center

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## NOTES:

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!**

This symposium is co-hosted by the  
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