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## Catch Up On the Latest WRRC Brown Bag Seminars

Did you miss Tucson Water Director [Tim Thomure's Brown Bag Seminar](#) on the proposed Agua Dulce project to restore a flowing river through downtown Tucson? Or perhaps you are a student writing a term paper on U.S.-Mexico water relations and you would benefit from Dr. Fernando González Villareal's Fall, 2016 lecture on the status and challenges of water management in Mexico. All is not lost! Did you know that the WRRC website hosts recordings of our Brown Bag seminars? This valuable and comprehensive resource is available not only to University of Arizona students and faculty, but also to anyone with an internet connection.

For a full listing of Brown Bags and links to recordings, click [here](#).



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## WRRRC EVENTS

### WRRRC Annual Chocolate Festival: Picturing Chocolate and Water

**February 10, 2017**

**Time/Location:** 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. / WRRC Sol Resnick Conference Room (350 N. Campbell Ave.)

Feature Presentation: Greg Griffin, "Best in Show"  
WRRC Photo contest winner on nature photography.

Don't miss the 13th Annual WRRRC Chocolate Fest! Share your favorite treats and try sinfully spectacular creations from your water colleagues. This year's event will showcase the WRRC photo contest winners and the joys of chocolate! Relax, catch up with friends, and enjoy chocolate delicacies!



## OTHER EVENTS

### CCASS Seminar - Transformational Solutions for Climate Change Adaptation and Water Sustainability in the Colorado River Basin

**February 8, 2017**

**Time/Location:** 4:30 p.m. / ENR2 Bldg. Agnese Nelms Haurly Lecture Hall, Rm. S0107 (1064 E. Lowell St.)

**Speaker:** Dave White, Professor, School of Community Resources and Development, Arizona State University



Drawing from use-inspired sustainability science and decision making under uncertainty, this talk will address the overarching question: Given environmental and societal uncertainties, how can cities dependent on the Colorado River Basin develop transformational solutions to implement water sustainability transitions? Managing transitions toward urban water sustainability will require innovative approaches to water governance that are anticipatory, adaptable, just, and evidence-supported.

## Meeting - Learn about TRIF-WEES Funding for Research & Equipment

February 15, 2017

**Time/Location:** 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. / Kiva Auditorium, UA Student Union

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Kimberly Espy, Senior Vice President for Research, University of Arizona



For research addressing water, environmental, and energy topics throughout the University of Arizona, the Water, Environmental, and Energy Solutions Initiative (WEES) invites faculty and researchers for insightful presentations and dialogue about upcoming funding opportunities. Taxpayer approved Technology and Research Initiative Funds (TRIF) are invested at Arizona universities to promote cutting-edge research and multidisciplinary collaborations that help researchers increase extramural grant success.

Keynote Speaker, Dr. Kimberly Espy, Senior Vice President for Research, will offer perspectives on TRIF and how investments are in keeping with UA's Never Settle Plan. Dr. Sharon Megdal, WEES Director, will describe the WEES programmatic areas for investment and how to apply for funding. Researchers who have successfully obtained TRIF-WEES funding will provide a first-hand view into their proposal elements and the impact WEES funding has had on their research. Their lessons-learned will offer insights useful for your future proposals.

For additional information, email [Claire Zucker](#), WEES Program Director or call 621-5725

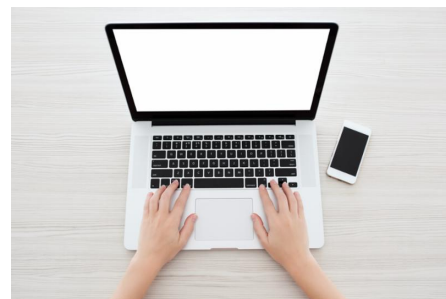
## NEWS

### Abstract Submission Open for the WRRC Annual Conference

The WRRC Annual Conference, *Irrigated Agriculture in Arizona: A Fresh Perspective*, will be held at the University of Arizona Student Union on March 28, 2017.

**An exciting agenda, available [here](#)** includes a post-luncheon Poster Session that will highlight current projects related to water management and quality.

**Abstract submission is open from now until February 21, [here](#).** Accepted abstracts with a student as lead author will automatically be entered into the Student Poster Contest, with generous cash prizes.



### Arizona Loses Historian, Author, and Water Expert Jack August





Jack August, renowned Arizona historian died on January 20 at age 63. He was Director of Institutional Advancement at the Arizona Capitol Museum in the State Library and former Executive Director for the Barry Goldwater Center for the Southwest and the Arizona Historical Foundation. Best known for his many books on leading historical figures in Arizona's history, August inspired the water community with his knowledge of water politics, as displayed in his 1999 book *Vision in the Desert: Carl Hayden and Hydropolitics in the American Southwest*, which received a Pulitzer Prize nomination. Well-known to the WRRC, in 2010 he presented a special Brown Bag seminar on "Arizona v. California and the Colorado River Basin" and signed copies of his 2007 book *Dividing Western Waters: Mark Wilmer and Arizona V. California* for his fans. At the time of his death he was working on a book about his friend, former Gov. Fife Symington.



A memorial service will be held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church (4715 N. Central Ave., Phoenix) on Saturday, January 28 at 2 p.m. Following the service, a remembrance reception will be held at Chambers restaurant and pub (705 N. First Street).

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## Bringing Rivers to Roosevelt



Water stewardship is not a goal, it's an ethic for the City of Phoenix. With 95% of their water coming from rivers, the City invests in education that focuses on students becoming

watershed managers and wise water users. Water Resource Specialists at the City focus on effective and engaging education. The Water Festival held at El Reposo Park on November 16, 2016 for Roosevelt School District was but one of those efforts. Arizona Project WET is grateful to the City of Phoenix and all of the 35 funding partners statewide that bring our Arizona Water Festivals to 4th graders all over the state. And, we are especially grateful for education cable channel KNOW99, which has again done a phenomenal job of bringing these efforts to life.



Learn more about Arizona Water Festivals [here](#).

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## UA Rooftop Garden Design Competition

The UA Office of Student Engagement is partnering with Arizona Student Unions to host the first-ever Rooftop Garden Design Competition. Students interested in participating will be asked to work in teams of five to research, design, and pitch their ideas for a sustainable garden that will be housed on the Student Union Memorial Center rooftop. Food harvested from the garden will be used at SUMC restaurants, such as Pangea, as well as available for students through the Campus Pantry.



Students will learn more details and have the opportunity to register teams at the kick-off event on Friday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the SUMC Gallagher Theater.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **AZ Water Southern Arizona Technical Luncheon**

On February 2, Wally Wilson of Tucson Water will present on the Southeast Houghton Area Recharge Project. For the luncheon location and cost, click [here](#) . Sponsorships will allow up to four students to attend this luncheon at no charge. Students interested in this opportunity must pre-register by emailing [Shawn-Noel Simmons](mailto:Shawn-Noel.Simmons@tucsonwater.com).

## **The City of Phoenix is Seeking a Water Resource Specialist**

For more information about this opportunity , click [here](#).

## **Judges & Volunteers Needed for Southern Arizona Regional Science & Engineering Fair**

For information to become a judge, click [here](#).

For information on how to volunteer at the fair, click [here](#).

## **WateReuse Symposium Call for Abstracts**

Abstracts must be submitted by February 27, 2017 via the [WateReuse website](#).

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