

Confluency

A FLOWING TOGETHER OF TRANSDISCIPLINARY AND ARTS-BASED APPROACHES TOWARDS JUST WATER FUTURES

WATER JUSTICE COLLOQUIUM & ART EXHIBIT LINKING SOUTH AFRICA, CANADA, AND BROADER AFRICA

Hosted by the University of Cape Town (UCT)'s Future Water research institute in partnership with the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto. Supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

**JUNE
5 - 7
2023**

KEYNOTES & PANELS

09:00-12:30

In-person and online participation available.

Free - registration required.



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ART WORKSHOPS

13:30-16:00

In-person participation available.

Free - registration required.

**JUNE
7**

ART EXHIBIT LAUNCH

17:00-19:00

Free public event, no registration required.

**JUNE
7 - 21**

THE ART EXHIBIT

09:00-16:00

Free public event, no registration required.



**CENTRE FOR
AFRICAN STUDIES
(CAS) GALLERY
(UCT RONDEBOSCH)**

Showcasing creative translations of key themes from the colloquium and art materials from featured presentations.

Interactive elements invite you to add your voice to the exhibit.

Closed Tuesdays for classes.

Principal Investigator: Professor Carmen Logie, University of Toronto's Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work (UofT FISFW). Co-applicants: Dr. Lina Taing, the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH); Professor Caetano Dorea, University of Victoria; Professor Peter Newman (UofT FISFW); and Dr. Lesley Gittings, Western University. Collaborators: Dr. Kirsty Carden, the University of Cape Town's Future Water research institute; Dr. Gill Black, the Sustainable Livelihoods Foundation; and Distinguished Professor Heila Lotz-Sisitka, Rhodes University's Environmental Learning Research Centre.

Register here: bit.ly/ConfluencyReg

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COLLOQUIUM PROGRAM

JUNE 5: INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL KNOWLEDGE IN WATER JUSTICE

- 9:00-9:10** Welcome & Introduction
- 9:10-9:30** **Mapumba:** singer-songwriter, storyteller
- 9:30-10:00** **Keynote:** Indigenous Knowledge systems and interactions to Right to Water in a climate crisis
- 10:00-10:15** Introduction to panel topic and guests
- 10:15-10:35** Indigenous knowledge perspectives on water management in South Africa
Dr. Bongani Ncube Associate Professor/SARChi Chair in Governance and Economics of Water and Sanitation Sector institutions, Cape Peninsula University of Technology
- 10:35-10:55** Don't let the taps run dry
Xoli Fuyani Founder of the non-profit organization Black Girls Rising
Anelisa Mgedezi Youth climate leader, member of Black Girls Rising

Break

- 11:15-11:35** Water is Life: Indigenous Protectors of the Water in Canada
Dr. Ashley Quinn Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto's Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work
- 11:35-11:55** Knowledge Translation, Water Narratives, and Indigenous Knowledge Keepers in Research
Dr. Sarah Van Borek Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the University of Toronto's Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work

- 11:55-12:30** Q & A with panelists

Lunch break

- 13:30-16:00** **Arts-Based Workshop** - Participatory water songscapes

Break

- 16:30-16:40** Introduction to panel topic and virtual guests
- 16:40-17:00** Environmental justice and resource recovery from sanitation
Dr. Caetano Dorea Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Victoria
- 17:00-17:20** Rivers Are Lifelines: Why Indigenous Law Matters to Us All
Rita Wong Poet-scholar, Associate Professor at the Emily Carr University of Art + Design
- 17:20-17:30** Q & A with panelists
- 19:00-21:00** Opening Reception

Art workshop facilitators:

Soeraya Davids, Bulelwa Somlota, Lutfiyah Tities, Chevron Smith, Amanda Leo, Gracia Fortuin, Siwaphiwe Rodolo, Xolelwa (Nomtha) Mkhetho, and Nolufefe Tubeni

JUNE 6: PARTICIPATORY WATER GOVERNANCE

- 9:00-9:10** Welcome & Overview of day
- 9:10-9:40** **Keynote:** Inclusive water governance: opportunities and challenges.
- 9:40-9:55** Introduction to panel topic and guests
- 9:55-10:15** Civic engagement and hydropolitics, comparing the Nile issue with other African transboundary rivers
Dr. Abeer Abazeed Assistant Professor of Political Science at Cairo University
- 10:15-10:35** The he(art) of resonance: creating ecological literacy using fieldwork practices along river systems in Makhanda
Preven Chetty PhD candidate at the Environmental Learning Research Centre, Rhodes University
- 10:35-10:55** Pathways to Water Resilient South African Cities (PaWS)
Dr. Kirsty Carden Interim Director for the Future Water research institute, University of Cape Town

Break

- 11:15-11:35** Arts-based participatory research to identify more equitable ocean management: experiences from Algoa Bay and uThukela
Mia Strand PhD candidate at Nelson Mandela University
- 11:35-11:55** Influencing policy: Tackling ambitious water policies from the ground up
Dr. Lina Taing Senior Researcher in Water and Health with the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health

- 11:55-12:30** Q & A with panelists

Lunch break

- 13:30-16:00** **Arts-Based Workshop** - River of life social sculptures

KEYNOTES:

Ikal Ang'elei (Kenya) - Director of the non-profit organization Friends of Lake Turkana, grassroots Indigenous rights activist
Indigenous Knowledge systems and interactions to Right to Water in a climate crisis.

Dr. Gina Ziervogel (South Africa) - Associate Professor in the Department of Environmental and Geographical Science at the University of Cape Town
Inclusive water governance: opportunities and challenges.

Dr. Gill Black (South Africa) - Co-founder of the Sustainable Livelihoods Foundation
Water and Fire: Using participatory visual methods to explore resilience and strengthen the co-production of knowledge in relation to water shortage.

JUNE 7: ARTS-BASED WATER JUSTICE RESEARCH WITH MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS

- 9:00-9:10** Welcome & Overview of the day
- 9:10-9:40** **Keynote:** Water and Fire: Using participatory visual methods to explore resilience and strengthen the co-production of knowledge in relation to water shortage.
- 9:40-9:55** Introduction to panel topic and guests
- 9:55-10:15** 1) Conflict, climate change, and pandemics: a case from Uganda & 2) LGBTQ perspectives on water in/security and justice in India and Thailand
Professor Carmen Logie Canada Research Chair in Global Health Equity and Social Justice with Marginalized Populations, University of Toronto's Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work
- 10:15-10:35** Art as an integral part of a human-centred design for mobile WASH services for people living on the streets of Cape Town
Ajay Paul Director and Co-Founder of Viva con Agua South Africa
- 10:35-10:55** Methodological directions at the intersection of water and health: place-based findings from research with very young adolescents in Kalobeyei refugee settlement, Kenya
Dr. Lesley Gittings Assistant Professor in Western University's School of Health Studies

Break

- 11:15-11:35** Engaging with the process and learning in creating a Museum of Watery Relations
Dr. Amber Abrams Carnegie DEAL Research Fellow with the University of Cape Town's Future Water research institute
- 11:35-11:55** Reflections on the 'Our Ocean is Sacred' exhibit
Aaniyah Martin PhD candidate at the Environmental Learning Research Centre, Rhodes University, Founder of The Beach Co-op
Dr. Dylan McGarry Director of One Ocean Hub and Senior Research Associate, Environmental Learning Research Centre, Rhodes University
Joanne Peers PhD candidate at the University of Oulu in Finland; Head of Academics, The Centre for Creative Education, Cape Town.

- 11:55-12:30** Q & A with panelists

Lunch break

- 13:30-16:00** **Arts-Based Workshop** - Digital storytelling water art videos
- 17:00-19:00** **Art Exhibit Launch & Reception:** Centre for African Studies (CAS) Gallery, UCT Rondebosch