

UDC to Host National Capital Region Water Resources Symposium

Washington, D.C. – For the second consecutive year, the University of the District of Columbia will host the National Capital Region Water Resources Symposium, “*Water Resources and Water Infrastructures: Emerging Problems and Solutions*”, bringing together water resources professionals from across the region. The one-day symposium will be held Friday, April 4, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law. The full agenda is available [here](#).

The National Capital Region (NCR) encompasses the District of Columbia, and parts of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. NCR is the gateway to the Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in the U.S and provides water for six million people. The region has unique and challenging opportunities for sustainable management of water resources and water infrastructures, which will be addressed at the symposium.

“We are pleased to again host the NCR water resources symposium,” said Dr. Tolessa Deksissa, Director of UDC’s Water Resources Research Institute and Professional Science Master’s Water Resource Management Program. “The National Capital Region is not only important to the Greater D.C. metropolitan area, but impacts the nation as a whole. Addressing its challenges and opportunities will positively affect us all.”

The symposium will bring together experts from governmental agencies, academia, the private sector, and non-profits to discuss sustainable management of water resources and infrastructure in the region, as well as nationally and internationally. The symposium program will include a keynote address, invited panelists, breakout sessions and poster displays.

The keynote address will be delivered by George Hawkins, General Manager, District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water). Featured panelists include Benjamin Grumbles, President, U.S. Water Alliance; Claudia Copeland, Resources and Environmental Policy Specialist at Congressional Research Service; Emily Fishkin, Director, Infrastructure Initiatives, ASCE; and Jerry Johnson, General Manager, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. In addition, research papers will be presented during poster sessions.

[Online registration](#) is open until March 21. Onsite registration is available at an additional fee. Lunch is included in the price of registration. The David A. Clarke School of Law is located at 4340 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington DC, 20008.

Water Resources and Water Infrastructures: Emerging Problems and Solutions is hosted by the AWRA-National Capital Region Section and the Water Resources Research Institute (WRRI). WRRI is part of the Center for Sustainable Development of the College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES) of the University of the District of Columbia.

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About AWRA

Founded in 1964, the American Water Resources Association is a non-profit professional association dedicated to the advancement of men and women in water resources management, research, and education. AWRA's membership is multidisciplinary; its diversity is its hallmark. It is the professional home of a wide variety of water resources experts including engineers, educators, foresters, biologists, ecologists, geographers, managers, regulators, hydrologists and attorneys.

About WRRRI

Established in 1973, the mission of Water Resources Research Institute (WRRRI) is to provide the District of Columbia with interdisciplinary research support to identify DC water resources problems and contribute to their solution. Areas of focus include drinking water source protection, stormwater management and planning, water safety, and watershed stewardship. The Institute coordinates, facilitates, and disseminates water resources-related research projects through seed grants to faculty members from the consortium of universities in the greater Metropolitan Washington area. The Institute supports collaborative training and research that engages not only faculty members and students, but also a broad array of stakeholders to address regional water issues in a holistic way.

About the University of the District of Columbia

An HBCU, urban land-grant, and the only public university in the nation's capital, The University of the District of Columbia is committed to a broad mission of education, research and community service. Established by abolitionist Myrtilla Miner in 1851, the University of DC offers Associate's, Bachelor's and Master's Degrees and a host of workplace development services designed to create opportunities for student success. The University is comprised of the [College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences](#), [College of Arts and Sciences](#), [School of Business and Public Administration](#), [School of Engineering and Applied Sciences](#), a [Community College](#) and the [David A. Clarke School of Law](#). To learn more, visit www.udc.edu. The University of the District of Columbia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution. Minorities, women, veterans and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. For a full version of the University's EO Policy Statement, please visit: http://www.udc.edu/equal_opportunity. The University of the District of Columbia is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education - 3624 Market Street - Philadelphia, PA 19104 - 267.284.5000.