

# Austin Water Center for Environmental Research



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## The CER Lunchtime Lectures 2023

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### The Geography of Flowing Water: Rivers and Streams, Nature and Culture

The 2023 CER Lunchtime Lectures will explore the geography of flowing water – rivers and streams. Water writes its way across the surface of the Earth, inscribing deeply or shallowly depending on how resistant the surface is to the flow of water and sediment carried across the land. This morphology of the physical geography of the Earth is the starting point for geography, but geographers go beyond the physical shapes and shaping of rivers and streams and, also, study their cultural roles and impacts in order to fully understand the geography of flowing water. We will begin 2023 with the physical geography and the ecology of flowing water as fluvial systems and ecosystems. For summer, we turn inward and explore the mythical, metaphorical waterways which run so deeply in Western and American culture. Finally, during the last part of the year we will turn outward again to look at specific American cultural landscapes of rivers and streams at different scales from continental to local.

Join us for a fluvial journey in 2023 as we explore the Geography of Flowing Water.

#### **The Physical Geography of Flowing Water**

January - Fluvial Process: Streams and Hydrology

February - Fluvial Life: Ecology of Flowing Water

March - Riparia: Life at the Edge

April - Bottomland: Life on the Floodplain

#### **The Meaning of Flowing Water**

May - The Round River: Myth, Meaning, and Flowing Water

June - Riverrun: Language, Art, and Waterways

July - Water Music: American Music and Rivers

August - Strong Brown God: Poetry of Flowing Water

#### **The Cultural Geography of Flowing Water**

September - Rivers of Empire: American Environmental History and Waterways

October - Waters the Land: Rivers and Water in Texas

November - Another Colorado: Austin and the River

December - The Urban Stream: Life on Waller Creek

**Time: Noon to 1pm at CER and SAC, 1230-2pm at UT**

**Free and Open to the Public – bring a lunch and learn**

#### **Locations and Day of the Month –**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday (except January 24 and July 18) – UT University of Texas, Peter O'Donnell Building (POB) Room 2.402

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – CER Austin Water Center for Environmental Research at Hornsby Bend, 2210 South FM973

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – SAC PARD Senior Activity Center-Lamar, 2874 Shoal Crest Ave, South Room

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**The CER Lunchtime Lectures 2023 Schedule by Location and Date  
Times – CER and SAC from Noon to 1pm, UT 1230-2pm**

**January Lecture - Fluvial Process: Streams and Hydrology**

**Jan 12 SAC  
Jan 10 CER  
Jan 24 UT**

**February Lecture - Fluvial Life: Ecology of Flowing Water**

**Feb 7 UT  
Feb 9 SAC  
Feb 14 CER**

**March Lecture - Riparia: Life at the Edge**

**Mar 7 UT  
Mar 9 SAC  
Mar 14 CER**

**April Lecture - Bottomland: Life on the Floodplain**

**Apr 4 UT  
Apr 11 CER  
Apr 13 SAC**

**May Lecture - The Round River: Myth, Meaning, and Flowing Water**

**May 2 UT  
May 9 CER  
May 11 SAC**

**June Lecture - Riverrun: Language, Art, and Waterways**

**Jun 6 UT  
Jun 8 SAC  
Jun 13 CER**

**July Lecture - Water Music: American Music and Rivers**

**Jul 11 CER  
Jul 13 SAC  
Jul 18 UT**

**August Lecture - Strong Brown God: Poetry of Flowing Water**

**Aug 1 UT  
Aug 8 CER  
Aug 10 SAC**

**September Lecture - Rivers of Empire: American Environmental History and Waterways**

**Sep 5 UT  
Sep 12 CER  
Sep 14 SAC**

**October Lecture - Waters the Land: Rivers and Water in Texas**

**Oct 3 UT  
Oct 10 CER  
Oct 12 SAC**

**November Lecture - Another Colorado: Austin and the River**

**Nov 7 UT  
Nov 9 SAC  
Nov 14 CER**

**December Lecture - The Urban Stream: Life on Waller Creek**

**Dec 5 UT  
Dec 12 CER  
Dec 14 SAC**

**SAC – PARD Senior Activity Center-Lamar - 2874 Shoal Crest Ave, South Room at 29<sup>th</sup> and Lamar  
CER - Austin Water Center for Environmental Research – 2210 South FM 973 at Hornsby Bend  
UT - University of Texas, Peter O'Donnell Building (POB) Room 2.402**