

2017 SEC Academic Conference: January 2017 Arkansas Water Resources Center Publication Notes Inaugural Academic Event



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The January 2017 Arkansas Water Resources Center (“AWRC”) newsletter notes that Mississippi State University will be the first Southeast Eastern Conference institution to host an event focused on “SEC University Research Collaboration.”

The title of the conference is:

The Future of Water: Regional Collaboration on Shared Climate, Coastlines, and Watersheds

The AWRC is located at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville as part of a network of 54 water institutes which were established in 1964 by the United States Congress. The AWRC in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey and the National Institute for Water Resources assist local, state and federal agencies in learning to manage Arkansas’s water resources.

The AWRC newsletter describes the conference’s aims as identification of:

...the dominant economic, community and ecosystem challenges to sustainable water resources in the southeastern U.S.; identify policy and practice paths to maximize the health and vitality of the region through water stewardship; and engage the best and brightest scientists in the SEC with other national and international experts in water resources.

Topics at the conference include:

- Regional policy
- Shared coastlines
- Regional climate and climate Change
- Shared watersheds and aquifers
- NOAA sponsored programs
- Nonpoint source pollution & PMBs
- Coastal resiliency
- Environmental hydrology
- Water treatment
- Water Resource Research Institutes: Regional/Multi-state Water Research and Management Issues
- Food-energy-water nexus
- Water in Agriculture
- Tri-State Water Wars

- Water Resource Research Institutes: Innovative Projects/Programs of Interest that Could Be Transferable Among States
- Climate Change
- Campus water quality/watershed projects
- Emerging Water Law and Policy Issues in the Southeast Region
- Water Resource Research Institutes: Resource Considerations

Brian Haggard of the University of Arkansas is scheduled to moderate a panel titled:

Water Resource Research Institutes: Innovate Projects/Programs of Interest that Could Be Transferable Among States

The conference will be held from March 27th through March 28th in Starkville, Mississippi.

A link to the conference program can be found here.

<http://www.seconference.msstate.edu/>