

EVENTS CALENDAR

Hydropolitics Speaker Series

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Hydropolitics, Hydrohegemony and Hydrophobia: My Short Life and Times in the South Caucasus and Iran

Monday, February 15, 2016, 3:30PM - 5:00PM

Mershon Center for International Security Studies

1501 Neil Avenue | Room 120 Columbus, Ohio 43201

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This event is part of the Mershon Seminar Series "Hydropolitics: Water Scarcity and Water Security," organized by Esther Gottlieb and Bryan Mark, and is co-sponsored by the Global Water Initiative, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, and Middle East Studies Center.

Note: On Tuesday, February 16, from 9:35-10:35 a.m., Campana will meet with Audrey Sawyer's "Exploring Water Issues" (ES 2204) class to discuss "Hydrophilanthropy: The Road to Help is Paved with Good Intentions" in 173 Mendenhall Lab.

Introduction: Kevin B. McCray, Chief Executive Officer, the National Groundwater Association

Michael E. Campana is professor of hydrogeology and water resources management at Oregon State University and technical director of the American Water Resources Association. He formerly directed Oregon State's Institute for Water and Watersheds and the Water Resources Program at the University of New Mexico, where he is emeritus professor. Prior to these positions he was a research hydrologist at the Desert Research Institute.

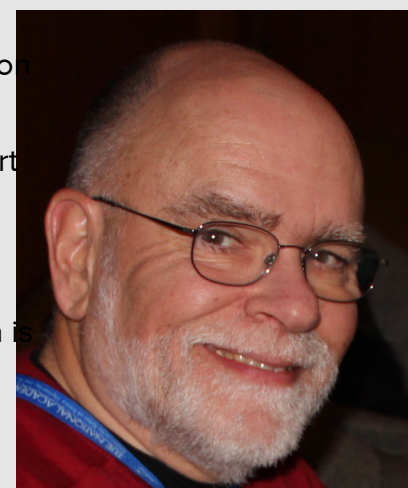
His expertise and interests include hydrogeology; hydrophilanthropy; integrated water resources management); water, sanitation, and hygiene in developing regions; water policy; and education. Campana is a past president of American Water Resources Association, past chair of the Scientists and Engineers division of the National Ground Water Association, vice president of the National Ground Water Research and Educational Foundation, and serves on the steering committee of the Global Water Partnership.

He founded and runs his own hydrophilanthropic foundation, the Ann Campana Judge Foundation. As WaterWired he blogs and tweets on water and related issues. He has a bachelor's in geology from the College of William and Mary and master's and PhD degrees in hydrology from University of Arizona.

Abstract

After the Soviet Union's dissolution, the Kura-Araks Basin became an international river basin with respect to the South Caucasus states of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. Despite differences among these countries, they depend greatly on the Kura-Araks Basin. They proposed to jointly monitor basin's surface water quality and obtained funding to do so from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Science for Peace Programme. Thus, the South Caucasus River Monitoring Project was born in late 2002 and formally ended in December 2009. The project was a model of collaboration and cooperation in a region where such traits have at times been in short supply. Not only were valuable data collected, but collegial professional relationships also were forged among the participants. In the long run, this latter aspect will likely prove to be the most important product, not just for the South Caucasus, but for others as well.

Campana will recount his experience as project director for the South Caucasus River Monitoring Project and conclude with some reflections – hydrologic and otherwise - on his January 2015 trip to Iran's Zayandehrud River Basin.



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