

'Science Unwrapped' to discuss our relationship with water

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Utah's status as the second-driest state in the nation and its population growth are the subject of Utah State University's "Science Unwrapped" series Nov. 6.

USU water scientist Michelle Baker explores Utah's relationship with water in a presentation, "Water and People: Friends or Foes?" at 7 p.m. in the Eccles Science Learning Center Emert Auditorium, room 130, at USU, according to a university news release.

"Utah is the second-driest state in the nation, yet it's also one of the fastest-growing states. We'll discuss what that means for our water future," Baker said in a prepared statement.

Baker directs iUTAH, innovative Urban Transitions and Aridregion Hydro-sustainability, a collaborative, National Science Foundation-funded research group comprised of scholars from USU, the University of Utah, Brigham Young University and other Utah schools to study the Logan waterway and two other watersheds, the Provo River and Red Butte Creek, which flows into Salt Lake City. iUTAH was funded by a \$20 million NSF grant in 2012.

Baker's talk, with a hands-on activity to follow, is free and open to the public.

"We welcome our community to experience this fascinating water series," said Nancy Huntly, Science Unwrapped chair and director of USU's Ecology Center, in a prepared statement. "Our presentations offer something for everyone."

Baker's talk is the final event in Science Unwrapped's fall 2015 "Bridging Troubled Waters" series during the university's "Year of Water" initiative.

"Science Unwrapped" won't have another event until spring semester, Jan. 29.



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