



USU's Sunrise Session Highlights Water Sustainability Challenges in Utah

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USU Sociologist Douglas Jackson-Smith will present "The People Puzzle: Using Social Sciences to Address Water Sustainability Challenges in Utah," at the Sunrise Session research breakfast Friday, Feb. 1.

Douglas Jackson-Smith, a professor and director of graduate studies at Utah State University, will discuss the challenges of water sustainability in Utah at the USU Sunrise Session Research Breakfast. Jackson-Smith will present "*The People Puzzle: Using Social Sciences to Address Water Sustainability Challenges in Utah*," Friday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 a.m., in the Little America Hotel, 500 S. Main, Salt Lake City.

Although biophysical scientists are responsible for most research on water systems, challenges of water sustainability are essentially "people problems," said Jackson-Smith. The Sunrise Session presentation will provide examples of how social science research can, and should, provide critical information to guide movement toward greater water sustainability in Utah.

Jackson-Smith has been lead or co-investigator on numerous major grants focused on water issues, including the recently funded iUTAH initiative. He has twice been awarded the *Researcher of the Year* for the College of Humanities and Social Science and recently served on a National Research Council committee on Sustainable Agricultural Systems for the 21st Century. He is a fellow for the Carsey Institute and was appointed to the Research Advisory Committee for the Meridian Institute AGree initiative.

USU's Sunrise Sessions is a breakfast lecture series held quarterly and is designed to highlight timely and cutting-edge research conducted at Utah State University. The lecture is sponsored by Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Utah and is free and open to the public.

To RSVP to the Sunrise Session, call 801-961-1340 or respond [online](#).

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