

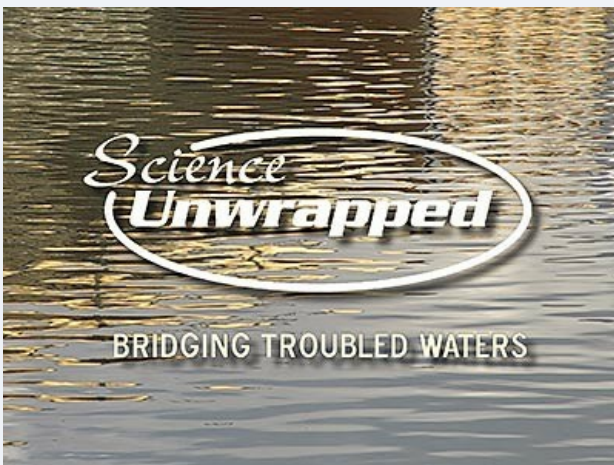


## 'Water vs. People' at USU's Science Unwrapped Friday, Nov. 6

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USU water scientist Michelle Baker, director of iUTAH, is featured speaker at Science Unwrapped Friday, Nov. 6. She presents at 7 p.m. in the Eccles Science Learning Center Auditorium.



Inquiring minds of all ages are invited to Science Unwrapped and admission is free. Hosted by USU's College of Science, the event includes hands-on learning activities and refreshments.

Water and people share an uneasy alliance. On the one hand, people can't survive without water. But too much water destroys lives and property. People love water, but are we loving this precious resource to death?

Utah State University's Science Unwrapped explores this extraordinary relationship Friday, Nov. 6, with USU water scientist Michelle Baker. She presents "*Water and People: Friends or Foes?*" at 7 p.m. in the Eccles Science Learning Center Emert Auditorium, Room 130, on the Logan campus.

Baker, professor in USU's Department of Biology and the USU Ecology Center, is director of the statewide, National Science Foundation-funded iUTAH project, iUTAH, which stands for "innovative Urban Transitions and Aridregion Hydro-sustainability," that is a multi-university, multi-disciplinary project focused on strengthening science for Utah's water future.

"Since the dawn of civilization, humans have settled alongside rivers, and Utah is no exception," Baker says. "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's talk, free and open to all ages, is followed by hands-on learning activities, exhibits and refreshments.

Hosted by USU's College of Science, Baker's presentation is the final event in Science Unwrapped's fall 2015 "*Bridging Troubled Waters*" series during

the university's "Year of Water."

"We welcome our community to experience this fascinating water series," says Nancy Huntly, Science Unwrapped chair, director of USU's Ecology Center and professor in the Department of Biology. "Our presentations offer something for everyone."

Science Unwrapped opens its new spring 2016 "*Show Me the Data*" series Friday, Jan. 29.

For more information, call 435-797-3517, visit the [Science Unwrapped website](#) or view the 'Science Unwrapped at USU' [Facebook](#) page.

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