

Preserving Minnesota's Waters: Virtual Lecture Series Explores Water Quality Challenges and Conservation Efforts

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The lecture series begins on Tuesday, January 21. All sessions live via Zoom.

Known as the "Land of 10,000 Lakes" for good reason, Minnesota's vast network of freshwater resources is essential for drinking water, agriculture, recreation, and biodiversity.

These waters face increasing threats from urbanization, agriculture, and climate change, making sustainable water management a growing concern. This 6-session virtual lecture series will explore the current state of Minnesota's water quality, highlighting both challenges and successes in conservation efforts, and what is being done to protect these vital resources for generations to come. Topics include lakes, rivers, and streams, aquatic invasive species, phosphorous reduction, and ground water. Speakers:

- **Paul Radomski**, Lake Ecologist, Minnesota DNR
- **Hilarie Sorenson**, Water Resources Extension Educator, and **Amy Schrank**, Fisheries and Aquaculture Extension Educator, U of M/Minnesota Sea Grant
- **Sharon Kroening**, Research Scientist, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- **Doug Jensen**, Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Planner, Minnesota DNR
- **Lawrence Baker**, Research Professor (Retired), Bioproducts & Biosystems Engineering, U of M
- **Amy Childers**, River Ecologist & Outreach Specialist, Minnesota DNR

The Water Quality Lecture Series will be held on Tuesdays & Thursdays, January 21 through February 11 (no session on February 6). All sessions are held from 3:15 pm to 5:00 pm, live via Zoom. Using a smartphone, tablet, or computer, attendees may join virtually from the comfort of home, a favorite coffee shop, or anywhere there's internet.

The registration fee is \$90 per person, which includes all six sessions. For more information or to register, please contact the Customized Training Center at 762-4510 or 888-234-1313 or register online at alextech.edu/lectureseries.

Presented by Alexandria Senior College

Designed to encourage community members to participate in academic learning opportunities beyond a single field of study, ATCC established the Senior College series in 2006 in response to community interest in informative and challenging college learning without the pressures of tests, grades or degrees. Open to all ages, the Distinguished Lecture Series brings noted speakers and college faculty from across the state and beyond to share their expertise on a range of topics of thought.

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