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Stories About Water: Narratives that Remind us of our Personal and Collective Connections to Water.

Water, essential for life, is our most precious and valuable natural resource. As such, it holds a special place in the stories we tell about our human experience. Storytellers will recount the ways in which water impacts the human experience and, thereby, help us better understand why water remains such an important issue in our lives.

The Texas Water Symposium provides perspectives from landowners, policy makers, scientists, water resource experts and regional leaders.

Join us as we explore the complex issues and challenges in providing water for Texans in this century.

Each session is free and open to the public. The hour-long program begins at 7:00 pm, followed by discussion time with Q&A. The events are recorded and aired on Texas Public Radio one week later.

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Thursday, November 12, 2015

Schreiner University – Cailloux Campus Activity Center Ballrooms

Doors open at 6:30

Program 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Moderator: [Dr. Charlie McCormick, Schreiner University Provost & Folklore Scholar](#)

Storytellers:

[Dr. David Taylor, Visiting Assistant Professor of Sustainability, Stony Brook University](#)

[Dr. Fred Stevens, Professor of Biology \(retired\), Schreiner University](#)

[Joe Herring, Jr., Kerr County and Hill Country Historian, Columnist](#)

Water is intimately connected to the human experience. It weaves into and out of our individual and collective human lives. Precisely because it is so interwoven in our lives, water frequently becomes part of the most important narratives that we tell about ourselves and our human experience. Water is there at the moment of creation; it is there at the moment of devastation; and it is there as we navigate the more subtle moments of our lives.

We will take a detour from the typical topics of the Texas Water Symposium (i.e., the political and economic dimensions of water) to explore how water becomes embedded in the narratives that we tell about our everyday life and our communities. In doing so, we learn why it is difficult to be ambivalent about water and why water has been—and will remain—the stuff of history, legend, and stories.