Drury University
Coffee and Welcome- Dr. Steve Belko
Hoblit Suite Sessions:
Loring Bullard, Springfield Drinking Water History
Loring Bullard is the Watershed Planning/Grant Assistant, for the James River Basin Partnership. Prior to that he was Executive Director of Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, a non-profit organization established to monitor and protect public drinking water for Springfield and Greene County MO. Loring is the author of a number of books including Consider the Source and Healing Waters: Missouri's Historic Mineral Springs and Spas. He has served as adjunct faculty at Drury University. Springfield MO and with the Ozarks Environmental and Water Resources Institute, Missouri State University. Loring has a strong personal interest in protecting the land, air and water quality for future generations.

Roddy Rogers, City Utilities, Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness --Rights and Responsibilities to Water
Roddy Rogers is a registered professional engineer, a Leadership Springfield alumni and was selected as one of 300 Alumni of Influence from the University of Missouri - Rolla. He is manager of water resources projects for City Utilities of Springfield. He managed parts or all of Springfield’s drinking water system for more than 20 years; has participated in volunteer engineering/water projects in several third world countries and has published and/or presented over 25 technical papers describing drought stories from Cape Town to California.

Molly Tovar, The Life and Power of Water: An Indigenous Perspective
Molly Tovar, EdD., is a Faculty Director of Native Assets for the Center for Social Development and a Faculty Associate for the Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies at the Brown School of Social Work. Tovar is recognized nationally for her expertise in strategies that ensure the success of underrepresented students in undergraduate and graduate education. Her current research focuses on American Indian and Alaska Native health and wellness issues faced by elders, the AI/AN veteran population, and financial capabilities for Native youth.

Jennifer Hoggatt, DNR, Drought to Flood: MO Water Resources
Jennifer Hoggatt serves as the Director of the Department's Water Resources Center. She has been with the Department since 2008, previously working in the Director's Office and for the Division of Environmental Quality's Water Protection Program. A native of Southwest Missouri, Jennifer grew up enjoying plentiful fishing, hiking and water recreation activities around places such as Roaring River State Park and Table Rock Lake. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Missouri Southern State University and a Master of Environmental Science and Management from University of California Santa Barbara.
Todd Parnell, Love of Place
Todd Parnell is the award winning author of Pig Farm and other works. He was inducted into the Missouri Writers Hall of Fame in 2012. Todd is the retired President of Drury University and co-founder of THE BANK in Springfield. As an environmental advocate, Todd co-founded the Upper White River Basin Foundation. He is the retired Chair of the Missouri Clean Water Commission and an eighth generation native of the Ozarks.

Luncheon, the Findlay Student Center Ballroom
Karen Piper: The Price of Thirst: Water Scarcity and the Coming Chaos
Karen Piper is an award winning author. She received the Sierra Nature Writing Award and the Next Generation Indie Book Award, and fellowships from the Huntington, Carnegie Mellon, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. She is currently a professor of literature and geography at the University of Missouri.

Steve Sitton, Thomas Hart Benton Paints the Ozarks
Steve Sitton, administrator of the Thomas Hart Benton Home & Studio State Historic Site in Kansas City, Missouri, examines works inspired by Benton’s experiences in the Ozarks. Steve will highlight a 1971 Environmental Protection Agency film, A Man and a River. As a child growing up in southwest Missouri, and later as an adult, Benton hiked the Ozarks’ hills and valleys and floated its rivers. In this session, Steve will illustrate how Benton’s travels throughout the region are reflected in many of his paintings.

Brooks Blevins, Dam Politics: the history behind the era of dam building that so altered the physical landscape of the Ozarks.
Brooks Blevins is the Noel Boyd Professor of Ozarks Studies at Missouri State University in Springfield. He is a native of the Ozarks, tracing his roots deep into the antebellum era in both Arkansas and Missouri. He has written a number of books including, A History of the Ozarks, a trilogy on the history of the region.

Ongoing Session for Students (members of FFA or 4H) to Discuss Water, the Environment, and Ethics
Using the Aldo Leopold method of facilitated community conversations to develop an environmental ethic, Mike Kromrey and trained facilitators from the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks will lead college and high school students in conversations to help them deepen their own understanding of ideas through dialog about the meaning and value of conservation.

Thursday
April 23
Draft Schedule
10:45 am - 3pm
Culminating Community Event
Water: A Sacred Symbol

A panel of experts will explain and compare water’s significance in the stories, rituals, and cultures of various faith traditions.

Thursday April 23
7 pm

Darr Agriculture Center
Dinner & Discussion:
Missouri Farm Bureau

Community Fair:
Booths for
Humanities and
Water Organizations