

# THE ART OF SCIENCE / SCIENCE OF ART



## WORKING WITH WATER IN A CHANGING WORLD

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019  
8:30AM - 6:00PM  
GOVERNORS ISLAND, NYC

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019  
9:00AM - 3:00PM  
BROOKLYN, NY

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# WELCOME!

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We are excited to come together to explore how we can collectively address climate change and water management. Thank you for joining us!

## **WHO ARE WE and WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?**

We are a group of artists, scientists, community organizers, planners, and engineers who are creating a space for collaboration and action. The climate crisis facing our communities demands that we find new ways of working together.

## **WHAT'S OUR GOAL?**

To collaborate and to spark action! We want to ground the adaptation conversation in culture, people and communities; to focus our efforts on tangible outcomes; and to learn how to be allies in this global struggle.

## **WHAT'S THE FORMAT?**

The symposium will include a mix of traditional events and structure, while following an "un-conference" style approach that gives attendees the space to create and explore with others in the room. We request that participants record the event in whatever format they choose (notes, sketches, photos, videos, poems, etc.).

## **WHAT ARE OUR VALUES?**

*Kindness, Transparency, Equity, Respect, Patience, Joy, Optimism* -- these are some of the values that came up when organizing the symposium.

What are we missing? We would like to collectively shape the values of our time together. Please weigh in during our discussions + refer to our community agreement.

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# ORGANIZERS

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## HOSTED BY:

The U.S.-Netherlands Water Network, an informal network formed in 2018 by former and current NAF-Fulbright Flood Management fellows to promote exchange and collaboration on water management in a rapidly changing world.

## CONVENING PARTNERS:



## THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:



## SPECIAL THANKS TO:

This symposium would not have been possible without the thousands of volunteer hours from our dedicated partners. Special thanks to: Alissa Albrecht, Miriam Belblidia, Emily Blumenfeld, Molly Cain, Sarah Cameron Sunde, Raha Hakimdavar, Aria Hamann, Katie Jagt, Madeline Keefer, Klie Kliebert, Jennifer Larkin Kuzler, Frank Kuzler, Clarinda Mac Low, Eve Mosher, and Meagan Wengrove.

**THE TRUST FOR  
GOVERNORS ISLAND**

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# THURSDAY PROGRAM

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## MORNING

- 08:30 – 08:45 **MEET @ MANHATTAN FERRY TERMINAL**  
**LOCATION:** BATTERY MARITIME BUILDING, 10 SOUTH STREET
- 09:00 – 09:05 **FERRY RIDE**  
FERRY TO GOVERNORS ISLAND
- 09:10 – 09:30 **ARRIVAL + SIGN IN**  
**LOCATION:** GOVERNORS ISLAND, ADMIRAL'S HOUSE  
**DESCRIPTION:** SIGN-INS AND ORIENTATION TO THE ISLAND (LIGHT SNACKS AND COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED)  
**MC:** JENNIFER LARKIN KUZLER
- 09:30 – 09:40 **WELCOME + SYMPOSIUM INTRODUCTION**  
**SPEAKERS:** MIRIAM BELBLIDIA AND RAHA HAKIMDAVAR
- 09:40 – 09:45 **WORKS ON WATER + GOVERNORS ISLAND**  
**SPEAKER:** CLARINDA MAC LOW
- 09:45 – 10:05 **OPENING CEREMONY**  
**DESCRIPTION:** PERFORMANCE AND SHOWCASE BY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITY HOUSE  
**SPEAKER:** RICK CHEVOLLA
- 10:05 – 10:15 **BREAK**
- 10:15 – 11:30 **INTRODUCTIONS/TALANOA DIALOGUE**  
**DESCRIPTION:** GROUP INTRODUCTIONS  
**FACILITATORS:** EVE MOSHER AND CLARINDA MAC LOW
- 11:30 – 12:00 **LIGHTNING TALKS**  
**DESCRIPTION:** ADAPTING TO THE “NEW NORMAL” OF CLIMATE CRISIS  
**MODERATOR:** RAHA HAKIMDAVAR  
**SPEAKERS:** SARAH CAMERON SUDE, AMIR JINA, SIMONE JOHNSON, AND FRANK KUZLER
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# THURSDAY PROGRAM

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## AFTERNOON

- 12:00 – 12:15 **UNCONFERENCE INTRODUCTION**  
**DESCRIPTION:** OVERVIEW OF "UNCONFERENCE" FORMAT  
**FACILITATOR:** MIRIAM BELBLIDIA AND KLIE KLIEBERT
- 12:15 – 01:00 **LUNCH**  
**PROVIDED BY:** LISSETH MORIN, CENTKALI PRODUCTS  
(FOOD IS INDIGENOUS AND VEGAN, GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE)
- 01:00 – 01:15 **RECONVENE**  
**DESCRIPTION:** START OF "UNCONFERENCE" EVENTS  
**FACILITATOR:** MIRIAM BELBLIDIA AND KLIE KLIEBERT
- 01:15 – 02:15 **BREAKOUT SESSION #1**
- 02:15 – 02:30 **RECENTERING EXERCISE**  
**LEAD BY:** CAROLYN HALL
- 02:30 – 03:30 **BREAKOUT SESSION #2**
- 03:30 – 03:45 **BREAK**
- 03:45 – 04:30 **REGROUP + REFLECT**  
**FACILITATORS:** MIRIAM BELBLIDIA AND RAHA HAKIMDAVAR
- 04:30 – 04:45 **CLOSING**  
**DESCRIPTION:** WRAP UP + NEXT STEPS  
**FACILITATOR:** RAHA HAKIMDAVAR
- 04:45 – 06:00 **VISIT GOVERNORS ISLAND + FERRY RIDE**  
PARTICIPANTS CAN TOUR THE WORKS ON WATER HOUSE ON GOVERNORS ISLAND (5B IN NOLAN PARK) AND MAKE THEIR WAY TO CATCH THE 5PM OR 6PM FERRY BACK TO MANHATTAN  
**RETURN TO:** BATTERY MARITIME BUILDING, 10 SOUTH STREET
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# FRIDAY PROGRAM

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## MORNING

- 09:00 – 09:30 **ARRIVE @ DECADESOUT STUDIO**  
**LOCATION:** 200 6TH STREET, STUDIO 2 BROOKLYN, NY 11215  
**DESCRIPTION:** CHECK-INS AND BREAKFAST
- 09:30 – 09:50 **WELCOME + REFLECTIONS**  
**FACILITATOR:** MIRIAM BELBLIDIA
- 09:50 – 10:15 **EXERCISE**  
**DESCRIPTION:** PANTOUM WRITING EXERCISE  
**FACILITATOR:** ARIA HAMANN
- 10:15 – 12:00 **NEXT STEPS + CALL TO ACTION**  
**DESCRIPTION:** MODERATED DISCUSSION  
**FACILITATOR:** ALESSANDRA JEROLLEMAN
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## AFTERNOON

- 12:00 – 1:30 **LUNCH**  
**DESCRIPTION:** ON OUR OWN (SEE RECOMMENDATIONS)
- 1:30 – 3:00 **GOWANUS CANAL TOUR**  
**LOCATION:** TOUR WILL MEET AT THE UNION ST BRIDGE AND WILL END AT THE SALT LOT ON 2ND AVE.  
**NOTE:** PARTICIPANTS SHOULD WEAR COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES, DRESS FOR THE WEATHER AND BRING A WATER BOTTLE  
**DESCRIPTION:** TOUR WITH GOWANUS CANAL CONSERVANCY

*JOIN US ON A WALKING TOUR OF THE GOWANUS CANAL, ONE OF THE DIRTIEST WATERBODIES IN THE U.S. GCC STAFF WILL LEAD A DISCUSSION ON THE HISTORY OF THE GOWANUS CANAL AS A SALT MARSH TURNED INDUSTRIAL WATERWAY, TODAY'S THREATS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND NEW DEVELOPMENT, AND AN UPDATE ON THE SUPERFUND CLEANUP AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS. LEARN ABOUT GCC'S VISION FOR A CLEAN, RESILIENT, DIVERSE AND ALIVE GOWANUS CANAL AND SURROUNDING URBAN ENVIRONMENT.*

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## EVENING

- 6:30 – 9:30 **SALON: THE ART OF SCIENCE / SCIENCE OF ART**  
**LOCATION:** 200 6TH STREET, STUDIO 2 BROOKLYN, NY 11215