GLRC/CWS Water Brown-bag Lunch Series (Jan 15 – April 16)

We are delighted to announce a GLRC/CWS brown-bag that will promote broad, interdisciplinary conversation and collegial friendships among faculty, staff, and grad students at Michigan Tech who share an interest in water.

We will meet on alternate Wednesdays, 12 to 1 pm, in GLRC 202, on January 15, January 29, Feb. 12, Feb. 26, March 19, April 2, and April 16th.

At the first meeting on January 15th, we’ll ask for volunteers to launch discussions from Feb. 26th through the end of the semester. Nancy Langston will launch the first brown-bag on Jan. 15th, Noel Urban will be launching the January 29th brown-bag, and Emma Norman will be launching the Feb. 12th discussion.

FORMAT:
1) Rather than formal 50 minute presentations, each meeting will be launched by a speaker whose goal is to give a short, accessible presentation that sparks a lively discussion.

2) Our most important goal is conversation, so presentations should last no more than 15 to 20 minutes, protecting the remaining time for discussion. The success of a presenter is measured by her or his success in fostering a lively, interdisciplinary conversation.

3) Presentations can be on the presenter's current research or--even better--on potential interdisciplinary research ideas.

4) Presenters should explain their ideas in the most accessible ways possible, so that participants from diverse fields can understand each seminar.

5) Participants should ideally think of themselves as joining the group, not simply picking and choosing among topics that seem of special interest. One of our most important goals is to build a true community of colleagues in a number of different disciplines who all share a special interest in water. We will be most successful in meeting this goal if we get to know each other as colleagues and friends, not simply as audiences for each other's performances. We will encourage people to come to meetings as regularly and often as they can.

Cheers,
Nancy Langston, Guy Meadows, Noel Urban, and Emma Norma