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## SEC Academic Conference Features Speakers from Government Agencies, SEC Institutions

More than 60 academic and governmental researchers will participate in next month's SEC Academic Conference as speakers and panelists when the SEC institutions come together to discuss "The Future of Water."

Mississippi State University is hosting the March 27-28 event that will feature researchers and academic leaders representing all 14 SEC institutions. Federal organizations, such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Geological Survey, and Environmental Protection Agency, also will be represented.



All 14 SEC universities will be represented at the 2017 SEC Academic Conference.

"This conference will bring together the best of the best in the SEC doing water research," said Daniel Petrolia, an MSU associate professor of agricultural economics. "We will tackle some of the most pressing water issues facing the Southeast, the U.S. and the world," Petrolia added.

The conference is designed to stimulate communication and collaboration toward sustainable and resilient water resource management in the Southeast, with overarching themes to include shared inland waters and aquifers, coastlines, climate and regional policy.

"The Future of Water: Regional Collaboration on Shared Climate, Coastlines and Watersheds" is the conference's theme, and the event will focus on research collaboration.

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### Barry, Dimick, Famiglietti to Provide Keynote Remarks



Barry



Dimick



Famiglietti

John M. Barry, Dennis Dimick and Jay Famiglietti will be keynote speakers at the SEC Academic Conference.

Barry, the best-selling and award-winning author of "Rising Tide," and Dimick, former executive editor of National Geographic magazine, will provide keynote remarks on Monday, March 27.

Famiglietti, senior water scientist with the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, will speak on Tuesday.

"The opportunity for those attending the conference to interact with eminent scholars and thinkers like Barry, Dimick, and Famiglietti demonstrates the commitment of Mississippi State to present a meaningful and forward-looking exercise in collaborative research," said MSU President Mark Keenum. Click here to read the full story.

### Early Bird Registration Extended to Feb. 28

Early bird registration for the SEC Academic Conference has been extended until Feb. 28.

Early bird rates for the conference are \$175 and \$50 for students. After Feb. 28, the cost is \$225 and \$75 for students.

"We want this conference to showcase the best that the SEC institutions have to offer," MSU Vice President for Research and Economic Development David Shaw said. "Every university was involved in the planning process. This topic is very timely for the entire SEC and also is important at the national and global levels."

Visit [www.seconference.msstate.edu](http://www.seconference.msstate.edu) to learn more and register.



The SEC Academic Conference will bring together some of the top water researchers.

### Calendar of Events

- March 27-28: SEC Academic Conference, Mississippi State University
- April 6-8: SEC MBA Case Competition, University of Florida
- April 18-21: Spring SEC College Tour, Southern California