

University of Oklahoma International WaTER Colloquium 2025

Global Sustainability of Groundwater Resources

Monday, September 15, 2025
Sam Noble Museum of Natural History

08:30 am – 09:00 am	Check-in and Breakfast
09:00 am – 09:15 am	Opening Remarks Welcome Note by President Joseph Harroz, Jr. OU WaTER Center Introduction by Randall Kolar, Ph.D.
09:15 am – 10:30 am	“Groundwater Beneath and Within Ice” Shemin Ge, Ph.D. University of Colorado Boulder
10:30 am – 11:45 am	“Groundwater Research at EPA” Saba Tahmassebi, Ph.D. US Environmental Protection Agency
11:45 am – 01:45 pm	Lunch and Keynote Speech “Groundwater and Water Poverty” John Cherry, Ph.D. Stockholm Water Prize Laureate 2020
01:45 pm – 03:00 pm	“University-Community Research Response to COVID-19 amplified food, energy, and water insecurities on the Navajo Nation” Karletta Chief, Ph.D. University of Arizona
03:00 pm – 04:15 pm	“Groundwater at the Overlap of Science and Society” Himanshu Kulkarni, Ph.D. OU International Water Prize Winner 2025
04:15 pm – 05:15 pm	Student Research Presentations
05:15 pm – 06:20 pm	Museum Viewing and Networking Reception
06:20 pm – 09:00 pm	Dinner, OU International Water Prize Ceremony, and Panel Discussion