

The Warren and Moore Environmental Series Water in California - the Fact, the Hype, and the In-Between

Are you from California? Are you moving to California? Do you have family and friends in California? Do you have concerns about the record-long drought in California, a possible water shortfall, and first-time ever water rationing in that state? What are the implications of the drought for state residents and businesses, as well as food production and tourism for the nation and the world in the longer term?



Sunday, April 19 at 7:00 pm
Warren College Faculty Apartment (Warren 503).

This gathering (#CalWater) of the Warren and Moore Environmental Series (#WaMily #enVU) is hosted by native Californians, Professor Doug and Patricia Fisher.

This discussion is open to all Vanderbilt students, faculty, other staff, and alums. Light savory foods, beverages, and dessert will be served. A limited number of videoconference participants can be accommodated. Sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0948a4a82fa1ff2-water>.

Two experts will help us understand water conditions in California and their implications: Vanderbilt alum, Dr. Debra Perrone, now at Stanford University, and Mr. Christopher Wold, a Ph.D. candidate at Vanderbilt, who previously worked on environmental policy with a number of government agencies. In addition to our focus on California water, both will be happy to answer questions about careers in environmental science and engineering, policy, and management.

Dr. Debra Perrone is a postdoctoral scholar at Water in the West at Stanford University (<http://waterinthewest.stanford.edu/about/people/debra-perrone>). Her research explores how interactions among water, energy, and food resources affect decision making about water resource management. Debra received her undergraduate degree in Civil & Environmental Engineering from Lafayette College in 2008. An active member of Lafayette's Engineers Without Borders chapter, she worked on water projects in rural Honduras. Dr. Perrone received her Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering at Vanderbilt University, and was a fellow of Vanderbilt Institute for Energy and Environment. Debra graduated in May 2014 and was the Graduate School's Founder's Medalist for First Honors. See Debra's description of her studies while at Vanderbilt: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mDl3ZVpvEU>. Dr. Perrone will be participating in our discussion through video conferencing.

Christopher Wold received his B.A. in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley in 2005. Prior to beginning graduate study at Vanderbilt, he spent over four years working on U.S. and international environmental policy. During this time, he worked with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Environment Protection Agency (EPA), the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), and the International Energy Agency (IEA) on research promoting the adoption of energy efficiency regulation in North America, Europe, and Asia. Christopher is interested in studying how governments, businesses, and nonprofits work together through international coalitions to address global climate change. <http://as.vanderbilt.edu/sociology/bio/christopher-wold>