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ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – Organizers are asking for papers to be submitted by March 1 to Winthrop University's first “Water in the World” conference that will be held in November.

The Nov. 6-7 conference will focus on access, sustainability, politics, art, history and the economics of water worldwide. It is open to students, faculty, specialists, activists, community members and professionals.

“The issues surrounding water (uses, conservation, scarcity) are some of the most pressing issues we face in the world today. This interdisciplinary conference seeks to engage both the academic community and the general public about latest strategies and ideas that promote awareness of our world's most vital resource,” said Ginger Williams, an organizer and an associate professor of history.

Conference updates will be provided on the website.

Some examples of possible paper or poster topics include:

- privatization of water
- climate change
- development goals and their implications
- water security and insecurity
- politics and economics of water reuse
- capacity building
- food, water and the environment
- art and design contributions to water management
- financing and investment schemes
- historical droughts and floods
- climate justice, ethical, cultural and religious values
- the role of water in post-conflict peace building
- the impact of water policy on the poor
- creative solutions to water challenges
- water in creative practice
- media coverage of water issues
- perceptions of risk and water quality issues

Paper abstracts of 500 words or less (I'm assuming this should be more) should be sent by March 1 to Ginger Williams, history, williamsv@winthrop.edu and Laura Dougherty, theatre and dance, doughertyl@winthrop.edu.

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