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GLOBAL EXPERTS TO TACKLE WATER-RELATED HEALTH CRISIS IN DEVELOPING WORLD

Simulcasts to link discussions at SMU/Dallas and Emory University/Atlanta

DALLAS (SMU) – The combined dangers of unsafe water, water scarcity and poor sanitation on developing countries will be the focus of two distinguished groups of international experts Tuesday, April 9 at SMU during the third annual [Engineering & Humanity Week](#).

Panelists meeting at [SMU](#) in Dallas and via simulcast from [Emory](#) University in Atlanta will include leaders currently or formerly with the World Bank, the George W. Bush Institute, Center for Strategic and International Studies, UNICEF, CARE, WASH Advocates, Emory's Center for Global Safe Water and the Centers for Disease Control. The program will present a unique opportunity to hear some of the leading solution-seekers for international water challenges related to droughts, floods, contaminated water, poor health, food insecurity and under-nutrition.

The simulcast discussion from Emory and the live panel at SMU will be presented together from 4 - 7 p.m., CDT, Tuesday, April 9 in SMU's Vester Hughes Auditorium in Caruth Hall, 3145 Dyer St. Audience members at both the SMU and Emory locations will have the opportunity to ask questions of both panels. **The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited.** More information is available at 214-768-3351.

The program will begin with the simulcast from Emory, running from 4 – 5:30 p.m., CDT, featuring keynote speaker [William Foege](#), senior fellow in Global Health at the William and Melinda Gates Foundation, and Emeritus Presidential Distinguished Professor of International Health at Emory's Rollins School of Public Health. Foege will join the panel discussion, "Water, Sanitation and Hygiene: Transforming Lives," moderated by [Jeff Koplan](#), vice president for global health at Emory and former director of the Centers for Disease Control under President Bill Clinton. Other panelists include:

- [Robert Tauxe](#), deputy director of the CDC's Division of Foodborne, Waterborne and Environmental Diseases
- [Christine Moe](#), director of Emory's Center for Global Safe Water
- [David Addiss](#), director of the Children Without Worms program at Task Force for Global Health
- Lourdes Mindreau - program coordinator of Integrated Water Resources Management at [CARE Peru](#)

Featured speaker at the SMU/E&H Week event will be [Gary Edson](#), global health fellow at the George W. Bush Institute and CEO of the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund until it ceased operations in late 2012. The SMU panel, which will be simulcast to the audience at Emory, will discuss “Water and Women: The Ripple Effect” from 5:30-7 p.m. CDT and will be moderated by [Ben Mann](#), Director of Global Partnerships for WASH Advocates, a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy initiative dedicated to solving the global safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) challenge. [Edson will join the panel, which also will include:](#)

- [Vanessa Tobin](#), former Chief of Water, Environment and Sanitation Division, UNICEF
- [Katherine Bliss](#), senior associate at Global Health Policy Center, Center for Strategic and International Studies
- [Tanvi Nagpal](#), faculty at Global Water Program, Johns Hopkins University; formerly with the World Bank, and consultant to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- [Katie Spatz](#) – safe water activist, the youngest person to ever row solo across the Atlantic Ocean

The World Health Organization/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Program for Water Supply and Sanitation (JMP) [reports](#) that 37% per cent of the developing world’s population – 2.5 billion people – lack improved sanitation facilities and more than 780 million people still use unsafe drinking water sources. The JMP also notes that Inadequate access to safe water and sanitation services, coupled with poor hygiene practices, kills and sickens thousands of children every day and leads to impoverishment and diminished opportunities for thousands more.

The “Water and Women” panel is hosted by SMU’s Lyle School of Engineering, [the Hunter and Stephanie Hunt Institute in the Lyle School](#), Living Water International, WASH Advocates and the George W. Bush Institute.

Engineering & Humanity Week, April 6-12, is sponsored by Hunter and Stephanie Hunt, SMU’s Hunt Institute for Engineering and Humanity and the University of Oxford’s Refugee Studies Center.

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SMU is a nationally ranked private university in Dallas founded 100 years ago. Today, SMU enrolls nearly 11,000 students who benefit from the academic opportunities and international reach of seven degree-granting schools.

About E&H Week

[E&H Week](#) brings leaders together from across the globe -- and from many walks of life -- to explore opportunities to help less fortunate populations by providing in-depth exposure to global economics, cultural awareness, collaborative leadership, and principles of sustainability. This annual event focuses

on topics in which engineering can be used to help improve the lives of refugees and other displaced and struggling members of humanity.

<http://www.eandhweek.org>

About the Hunt Institute

The Hunter & Stephanie Hunt Institute for Engineering and Humanity at the SMU Lyle School of Engineering strives to change the standard of living for the world's poorest populations, including those in the United States. The institute is helping to train a new generation of engineers in modern engineering applications—along with providing a deep exposure to global economics, cultural awareness, collaborative leadership and principles of sustainability.

<http://www.smu.edu/Lyle/HuntInstitute>

About University of Oxford's Refugee Studies Center (RSC)

RSC is part of the Oxford Department of International Development (Queen Elizabeth House) at the University of Oxford. Its purpose is to build knowledge and understanding of the causes and effects of forced migration in order to help improve the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable people.

<http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk>

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