Exploring Jobs, Careers and Leadership in Water Resources  
Mondays at 4:00-4:50 PM, Natural Resources Bldg. Room 109

Course Description
The purpose of the 2015 Interdisciplinary Water Resources Seminar (GRAD592) is to expose students to opportunities and trends within the field of water resources through guest lectures by prominent Colorado water professionals. Specifically, the seminar will:

- Examine jobs and careers in the international, government, private and NGO sectors
- Discuss how students can best prepare for water jobs and careers
- Examine the trends and future of various sectors of the industry
- Discuss leadership in the water resources professions

Grading Policy / Attendance
The student’s grade will be based on a semester assignment and student participation in at least 9 of 13 sessions (9 required to get an A). The last session on December 7, 2015 is mandatory and attendance at all classes is strongly encouraged, thus semester grades will be based upon 70% attendance and 30% the semester assignment. Make sure you sign the roster sheet that will be passed around at each class to get credit for attendance – it is your responsibility to do this before leaving the class. Ask questions and get to know the speakers – these are potential future employers and colleagues.

Semester Assignment: Interview a potential employer in your career field about jobs and careers. Prepare a two page write-up that addresses the following questions:

1. Who did you interview (provide their contact information)? Describe the company or agency as well as the person you interviewed.
2. What type of jobs and careers do they offer?
3. What interested you and concerned you about what you heard?
4. What do they look for in interns and new hires?
5. What is the usual career path at their company/agency?
6. What do you need to do to prepare yourself to be competitive as a new hire for the company/agency?
7. How does your work at CSU prepare you for this job or field and what is missing in your preparation?
8. What surprised you about what you learned in the interview?
9. What is your career goal?

You will be required to present a 3-4 minute summary of your interview during the final class on Monday, December 7.

Any PowerPoints and handouts from the weekly presenters will be posted at:  
http://www.cwi.colostate.edu/grad592.asp