

# Wiring Gaia at the Water-Energy Nexus:

Indigenous Water Guardians and Decolonizing Water Science

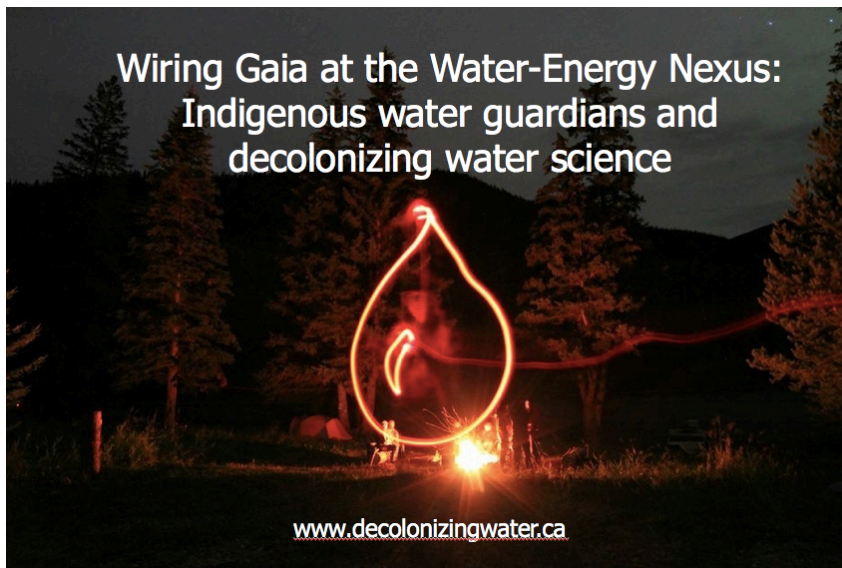
Tuesday, January 24, 2017

11:40 – 1:15 pm

Rachel Carson College room 301

Free & open to the public

As emblemized by the ongoing protests at Standing Rock, water is a foundational element—biophysical, epistemological, and spiritual—in Indigenous societies and lifeways. **Dr. Karen Bakker** discusses how this crucial life source has come under increased threat due to the claimed necessity of extractivist development projects which impact the lives of all relations: human and more-than-human. Joining her in the conversation will be UCSC Science and Justice Faculty Affiliates **Ben Crow** (Professor of Sociology) and **Kristina Lyons** (Assistant Professor of Feminist Science Studies).



**Monday, January 2**

**Humanities 2, room 259 at 4:30PM**

Karen and her UCSC colleagues will screen, *KONELĪNE: Our Land Beautiful*, directed by award-winning filmmaker Nettie Wild. The film just had its U.S. premier at the Palm Springs International Film Festival playing to a sold out house.

*KONELĪNE: our land beautiful* is a sensual, cinematic celebration of northwestern British Columbia, and all the dreamers who move across it.

Some hunt on the land. Some mine it. Set deep in the traditional territory of the Tahltan First Nation, *KONELĪNE* captures beauty and complexity as one of Canada's vast wildernesses undergoes irrevocable change.

**Karen Bakker** is Professor, Canada Research Chair, and Director of the Program on Water Governance at the University of British Columbia ([www.watergovernance.ca](http://www.watergovernance.ca)). She is currently the midwife (aka Principal Investigator) to a research collective of Indigenous community members, academics, artists, activists who are striving to decolonize water in both theory and practice ([www.decolonizingwater.ca](http://www.decolonizingwater.ca)). A Rhodes Scholar with a PhD from Oxford, Karen is trained in both the natural and social sciences. She currently works at the intersection of political economy and political ecology, and publishes on a wide range of environmental issues (water, hydropower, food, energy).

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