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America's water crisis subject of Nov. 9 talk in Stone Ridge

Dr. Robert Glennon, author of "Unquenchable, America's Water Crisis and What to Do About It," will speak on that topic Monday, Nov. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in a free public presentation at SUNY Ulster in Stone Ridge.

The illustrated talk, the latest in the college's John Burroughs Science Lecture Series, will be held in the Student Lounge of Vanderlyn Hall. Seating for Dr. Glennon's talk is limited. To reserve your place, email info@waterdiscoverycenter.org or call (845)254-3319. Open seating will begin at 6pm.

Dr. Glennon's appearance is sponsored by the Water Discovery Center, a planned interactive exhibit and education center whose mission is to raise public awareness about the need to better protect, conserve and manage our planet's fresh water resources. A model of the center, to be built in Arkville, Delaware County, will be on view at the November 9 presentation. (www.waterdiscoverycenter.org)

The Catskill Watershed Corp. and the Watershed Agricultural Council are also sponsoring the event, with support from Rotary District 7210 International Water Projects.

In his latest book, described as "both frightening and wickedly funny," Glennon captures the tragedy and irony of water in America. From the Vegas Strip to faux snow in Atlanta, from our supersized bathrooms to mega-farms, from billion-dollar water deals to big time politics and personalities, "Unquenchable" tells the shocking stories of extravagance and waste that are sucking the nation dry.

Glennon argues that we cannot engineer our way out of the problem with the usual fixes or the zany, but very real, schemes to tow icebergs from Alaska or divert the Mississippi River to Nevada. Glennon's answer is a provocative market-based system that values water as a commodity and a fundamental human right.

Robert Glennon is the Morris K. Udall Professor of Law and Public Policy at the University of Arizona. He holds a law degree from Boston College Law School, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in American History from Brandeis University.

A recipient of two National Science Foundation grants, he serves as Water Policy Advisor to Pima County, AZ; is a member of American Rivers' Science and Technical Advisory Committee; and is a commentator and analyst for various television and radio programs.

Glennon (www.rglennon.com) is also the author of *Water Follies: Groundwater Pumping and the Fate of America's Fresh Waters* (Island Press, 2002). Since *Unquenchable* was published in April, 2009 he has been a guest on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, The Diane Rehm Show, C-SPAN2's Book TV, and National Public Radio shows in New York City, Chicago and Phoenix.

Much in demand as a public speaker on the crucial topic of threats to the planet's finite water supply, his schedule has taken him to Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Canada, and 17 U.S. states this year.

His books will be available for purchase and signing following his Stone Ridge talk.

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