



## Keynote Speaker

**Robert Jackson**  
Duke University

### **Dr. Robert B. Jackson**

Nicholas Chair and Director of the Center on Global Environmental Change at the Nicholas School of the Environment  
Professor, Biology Department, Duke University.

Dr. Jackson's research examines how people affect the earth, including studies of the global carbon and water cycles, biosphere/atmosphere interactions, energy use, and global change. He also directs the Department of Energy-funded National Institute for Climate Change Research for the southeastern U.S. and co-directed the Climate Change Policy Partnership, working with energy and utility corporations to find practical strategies to combat climate change.

Dr. Jackson has received numerous awards, including the Murray F. Buell Award from the Ecological Society of America, a 1999 Presidential Early Career Award in Science and Engineering from the National Science, and is recognized as a Fellow in the American Geophysical Union. An author of more than 150 peer reviewed publications, he is in the top 0.5% of the most cited scientific researchers.



## Continued Education

**Certificates of participation will be provided for the following approved organizations:**

**Environmental Education Criteria III  
(6 hrs)**

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## Stewardship of Our Water

A conference for leaders,  
builders, developers, educators  
and citizens with a vision for a  
sustainable community

Friday, September 30, 2011

9:25—4:15

Moseley Center  
McKinnon Hall  
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## Plenary Presentations: Natural Gas Extraction in North Carolina

**Moderator:** Alice Bordsen,  
Representative in NC General Assembly

9:25

**Welcome Address**

9:30 – 10:30

**Dr. Rob Jackson, Duke University**

“Shale gas and its environmental footprint”

Dr. Jackson will speak on some of his most recent research which has focused on the environmental impacts of gas extraction from shale deposits, a process known as “fracking”. Osborn, SG, A Vengosh, NR Warner, RB Jackson. 2011. [Methane contamination of drinking water accompanying gas-well drilling and hydraulic fracturing. \*Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, U.S.A.\*](#)  
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10:30—11:15

**Dr. Hope Taylor, Executive Director,  
Clean Water for North Carolina**

“A NC Environmental Health and Community  
Perspective on Hydraulic Fracturing”

11:15—12:00

**Dr. Kenneth Taylor, Geological Survey Section  
Manager, N.C Geological Survey**

“Potential for natural gas extraction in  
North Carolina”

12:00—12:30

Panel Discussion facilitated by Joy Fields,  
Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments

12:30—1:15

**Lunch (included with registration)  
features products from the local  
farming community**

## Afternoon Sessions:

### Community Engagement in Stewardship of our water

**Facilitator:** Michael Layne, Dept. of  
Water Resources, Burlington, NC

1:15—2:00

**Cyrus Buffum, Executive Director, Water Keeper  
for Charleston, SC**

“Water in an urban setting”

2:00—2:45

**Dr. Melissa Mchale, Assistant Professor, Forestry  
and Environmental Resources, North Carolina  
State University, Raleigh, NC**

“Equitable distribution of ecosystem services in the  
Triangle Region of North Carolina”

2:45—3:30

**Elizabeth Jernigan, Stormwater Outreach and  
Education Coordinator, Piedmont Triad Regional  
Council**

“Piedmont Nutrient Reduction Sourcebook:  
A guide for managing and reducing nutrients in North  
Carolina Piedmont waters.”

3:30—4:15

**Brian Baker, Haw River Trail Coordinator,  
Alamance County Dept. of Parks and Recreation**

“Conservation through Recreation—the story of the  
Haw River Trail Partnership”



[http://www.ec.enr.state.nc.us/public/ccoadress/riverbasins/CapeFear\\_2011.pdf](http://www.ec.enr.state.nc.us/public/ccoadress/riverbasins/CapeFear_2011.pdf)

## Stewardship of Our Water

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