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This ASU symposium explores the possibility of an authentic desert urbanism for Metro Phoenix comprised of vital urban hubs where canals meet major streets.

Presenting their work related to the canals will be local experts in water policy, land use, real estate development, canal history, hydrology, and environmental engineering. In addition, artists and designers will present public art along the canals, art inspired by the canals, as well as visions for art and urban design along the canals.



“For more than a century, modern canals have brought water and a sense of progress to the Salt River Valley. Turning desert into farms, farms into towns, and towns into the suburbs that surround us now, they have advanced the idea that the landscape is as transient as water itself—a thing to be moved and redirected according to the needs of progress.”

Edward Lebow, “Following the Water,” Scottsdale Center for the Arts, 1989

“Someday, the high value of the land adjacent to the canals will inspire building efforts that we can only imagine—becoming distinctive ‘special places.’ Ultimately, the land adjacent to the canals will be transformed from a setting for isolated one-story detached buildings to multiple-use nodes...that contribute to an active and vibrant public life.”

Michael Fifield, Madis Pihlak, Edward Cook, and Sharon Southerland, “Metropolitan Canals,” 1990

Exhibition: “Canal Portraits” by Marilyn Murphy
Artist, ASU Alumnus, College of Art, 2008

Program

8:30am - Continental Breakfast

9:00am - I. Introduction

Nan Ellin, Director of Urban & Metropolitan Studies, School of Public Affairs, College of Public Programs, ASU, “Canalscape for Metro Phoenix”

9:30am – 11:30am - II. Policies and Practices: Past and Present

Grady Gammage, Senior Research Fellow, Morrison Institute for Public Policy, ASU, “Lifeblood and Lifeline of Phoenix: Water”

Jack Pfister, Professor Emeritus, School of Public Affairs, ASU; Former General Manager of SRP, “SRP Canals - The First Hundred Years”

Jay Hicks, Landscape Architect, EDAA, “Metropolitan Canal Alliance”

James Duncan, Senior Analyst, Water Engineering, SRP, “Multiple Use of the SRP Canal System”

Nancy Dallett, Academic Associate, Public History Program, ASU; Principal, Projects in the Public Interest, “Infrastructure and Interpretation”

Edward Lebow, Public Art Program Director, Phoenix Office of Art and Culture, “Public Art and Canals: Reconnecting the City to its Source”

Alf Simon, Associate Dean, School of Architecture and Planning, University of New Mexico, “Mixing Water and Culture: The Canals in the Age of Modernity”

Lunch Break

12:30 – 3:00pm - III. Projects and Prospects

Erin Pereault, Principal Planner in Advance Planning, City of Scottsdale, “The Scottsdale Experience”

Margaret Bruning, Associate Director, Scottsdale Public Art, “Artpath on the Canal: Water Conveyance as Cultural Edge”

Mark Klett, Regents’ Professor, School of Art, ASU, “The Water Project”

Lori Catalano, Associate Chair, Landscape Architecture, University of Colorado Denver, “Selected Civic Projects: Architecture, Landscape and Urban Design at University of Colorado Denver”

Noel Hebets, Environmental Consultant, Native Sun Enterprises, LLC, “Principles of Sustainable Canal Development”

Catherine Spellman, Associate Professor, School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, ASU, “Water Reveries”

Dan Hoffman, Professor, School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, ASU; Principal, Studio Ma, “Cool Connectors and Portals & Loops”

Catherine Hayes, Architect, Hayes Inc., “Canal Projects”

Jason P. Allen, Planner and Principal, Skyline Consultants LLC and

Tom Payton, Principal, Architectural Dimensions LLC, “Recommendations for Canal Village Overlays”