

Oklahoma Clean Lakes and Watersheds Association

2026 Annual Conference

Wednesday, April 15th-Thursday, April 16th

Wes Watkins Center | Oklahoma State University | Stillwater, Oklahoma



Start	End	Room	Speakers	Wednesday, April 15 th OCLWA 2026	Student
7:30	8:30	Exhibition		Networking and Registration	
8:30	9:30	Auditorium	Cheryl Cheadle	Plenary Session: Communicating Science – Believe it or not, We are all Teachers	
9:30	9:45	Exhibition		Break	
9:45	11:25	Room 108		Session 1A: Creeks, Cane, and Comebacks	
9:45	10:05	Room 108	Tatum Kennedy	Stillwater Creek Streambank Stabilization	X
10:05	10:25	Room 108	Lori Han	Producer Knowledge and Perceptions of Biochar for Eastern Redcedar Management	
10:25	10:45	Room 108	Brian Lewis	Joe Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project	
10:45	11:05	Room 108	Hailey N. Blackwell	Where Canebrakes Belong: Using Geospatial Data to Guide Rivercane Restoration in the Illinois River Watershed	
9:45	11:25	Room 109		Session 1B: Floods, Flows, and Feedbacks	
9:45	10:05	Room 109	Kasra Khodkar	A Hysteresis Analysis of Water Salinity Under Storm Events in the Upper Red River Basin	X
10:05	10:25	Room 109	Debbendu Saha	Quantifying Downstream Water Level Reduction from Upstream Inflow Attenuation: A Study of Magnitude-Adaptive Design Flood Hydrographs along the Neosho River near Miami, Oklahoma	X
10:25	10:45	Room 109	Diego Felipe Osorio Giraldo	Influence of Storm Motion on Flood Peaks Across the State of Oklahoma	X
10:45	11:05	Room 109	Navdeep Saasan	Agro-Hydrological Responses and Sensitivity Analysis of Regenerative Agricultural Practices in a Sub-Watershed of the North Fork Red River Basin Using APEX	X
11:05	11:25	Room 109	Tucker McCoy	Cleveland Reservoir: A Firm Yield Analysis	
9:45	11:25	Auditorium		Session 1C: Bugs, Blooms, and Bubbles	
9:45	10:05	Auditorium	Grace Shea	The Effects of Aeration on Water Quality: A Study of Theta Pond at Oklahoma State University	X
10:05	10:25	Auditorium	Sreemala Das Majumder	Bridging the Gaps: Building a National Framework from State-Level Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring and Management Practices	X
10:25	10:45	Auditorium	Aakriti Adhikari	Assessment of Water Quality in Aquaculture Systems for Sustainable Fish Production in Sierra Leone	X
10:45	11:05	Auditorium	Viktoria Stallings	Algae Assessment of Water Samples from Treatment Wetland Mesocosms at the Norman Water Reclamation Facility in Norman, OK	X
11:05	11:25	Auditorium	Leif Olson (a)	Exploring microbial diversity of legacy mine drainage contaminated wetlands in the Tar Creek Superfund Site	X
11:30	12:30	Exhibition		Lunch and Business Meeting	

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12:30	1:50	Room 108		Session 2A: Engineering the Flow	
12:30	12:50	Room 108	Megan Ryan	Watching the Waters: Drone-Based Assessment of Culvert Condition in Oklahoma	X
12:50	1:10	Room 108	Kevin Blanco	Sanitary Sewer System Benchmarking Dataset for I&I and SSO Using a Synthetic Approach Based on Stillwater, OK	X
1:10	1:30	Room 108	Coy Clark	Using Floating Wetlands to Create Additional Environmental Benefits in Stormwater Design	
1:30	1:50	Room 108	Annie Sales	Retrofitting Detention Ponds for Water Quality and Community	
12:30	1:50	Room 109		Session 2B: Counting Water, Counting Life	
12:30	12:50	Room 109	Narges Taravatroy	Using Satellite Observations to Monitor Lake McMurtry's Water Volume Dynamics	X
12:50	1:10	Room 109	Miguel Ingram	Can Volunteer Chloride Data Be Used in Conjunction with Professional Data in a Landscape-Scale Analysis? A Multi-Method Validation of Oklahoma's Blue Thumb Program	
1:10	1:30	Room 109	Dan Dvoretz	Using the archetype concept to group streams for the development of Indices of Biotic Integrity	
12:30	1:50	Room 209		Session 2C: Dirty Water, Clever Biology	
12:30	12:50	Room 209	Stacey Herriage	Evolutionary Ionomics Reveals Tissue-Specific Metal Accumulation in Sunfish from the Tar Creek Superfund Site	X
12:50	1:10	Room 209	Landon Mortimer	Can Biodegradable Materials Filter Heavy Metals?	X
1:10	1:30	Room 209	Leif Olson (b)	Metal tolerance adaptations by sulfate-reducing bacteria in a mine drainage treatment bioreactor at the Tar Creek Superfund Site	
1:30	1:50	Room 209	Jacobey King & Madelynn Henderson	Microbial Source Tracking in Northeast Oklahoma Using qPCR-Based Host-Associated Markers	
1:50	2:00	Exhibition		Break	
2:00	3:45	Room 209		Session 3A: Workshop	
2:00	3:45	Room 209	Jack Hilgert	WILD About Wetlands: Engaging Communities in Wetland Conservation Through Hands-On Education	
2:00	3:45	Auditorium		Session 3B: Conservation in Action - Roundtable Sessions	
2:00	2:25	Auditorium	Jeri Fleming	American Ecosystem Restoration Initiative Grant Implementation	
2:25	3:05	Auditorium	Morgan Keeling	Communications That Drive Conservation	
3:05	3:45	Auditorium	Justine McCann	The Great Plains Stormwater Center of Excellence	
3:45	5:15	Exhibition		Poster Session and Mixer	

Networking Event- Join us for drinks, games and conversation! Stonecloud Brewing Company 6:30pm

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7:30	8:30	Exhibition		Networking and Registration
8:30	9:30	Auditorium	Robert W. Nairn	Plenary Session 2 - "Natural Infrastructure – The Future is Now"
9:30	10:00	Exhibition		Vendor/Sponsor Showcase Break
10:00	11:20	Auditorium		Session A - OCC Blue Thumb Program
10:00	10:20	Auditorium	Cheryl Cheadle	Introduction to Blue Thumb
10:20	10:40	Auditorium	Jocelyn Matousek	Student Volunteer Perspective
10:40	11:00	Auditorium	John Harrington	Long -Time Volunteer Prospective
11:00	11:20	Auditorium	Holly Mauslein	Environmental Education in Oklahoma, PWET and PWILD
10:00	11:20	Room 108		Session B - Water Resource Planning
10:00	10:20	Room 108	Lara Joy	The Prioritization of Firm Yield Lake Studies in Oklahoma
10:20	10:40	Room 108	Jordon Henderson	Oklahoma Lake Trends
10:40	11:00	Room 108	Cresencia Storms & Justin Wright	The OWRB Water Division Experience: A Look into Surface and Groundwater Water Quality Reports for the 2025 Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan
11:00	11:20	Room 108	Carly Clark & Justin Higa	Update on OWRB Lakes Section Monitoring Stations for the Oklahoma Hydronet
11:30	1:00			Adjourn Conference - Lunch on your own
1:30	3:30	USDA ARS		Field Trip