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ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
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Congratulations Bob Paul! New Chair of Alliance for the Chesapeake

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The Board of Directors of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay has elected Dr. Robert W. Paul, professor of biology at St. Mary's College of Maryland, as its new board chair. Paul will serve a three-year term as chair beginning this month. He has served on the Alliance's Board since 2011.

Dr. Paul has been at St. Mary's College since 1977 and is a biologist with a specialty in aquatic ecology. His research interests focus on the linkage between water quality and land use, environmental protection, and watershed restoration. He is also on the Board of the St. Mary's River Watershed Association, and is a founder and past vice-president of that group. Dr. Paul's educational background includes a B.A. in Biology from Westminster College, graduate work at the University of Michigan, St. Louis University (M.S. in Biology), and Virginia Tech (Ph.D. in Zoology).

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is a non-profit organization headquartered in Annapolis, MD and has regional offices in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Its mission is focused on restoring and protecting the lands, rivers and streams of the Chesapeake Bay watershed through programs that inspire local action in all six Chesapeake Bay states and Washington, D.C. The Alliance is known for building strong and diverse



partnerships and bringing together individuals, organizations, businesses and governments to find collaborative solutions and deliver innovative programs that help plant trees and conserve forests, reduce storm water pollution, build individual stewardship, and support local governments and communities with their restoration efforts.



"Bob Paul is a true champion of and for the Chesapeake Bay," said SMRWA president Joe Anderson. "As a matter of fact, we named Bob our *St. Mary's River Champion* for his decades of dedication and applied research to restore the St. Mary's. I cannot think of a better person to lead the Alliance for the Chesapeake in the

important work that they do."

In response to his election Dr. Paul remarked, "I strongly value the excellent work of the Alliance, and I am looking forward to this leadership position. I also believe strongly in the Alliance's motto- 'Together we will get the job done!' It's true that through collaborative local efforts we will achieve the Alliance's mission."

Science for Citizens and St. Mary's College Colloquium -- Public Lectures --

Chesapeake Biological Laboratory is hosting, once again, its *Science For Citizens* series located in Solomons, Maryland. Visit umces.edu/cbl/outreach-seminars for more information.

St. Mary's College of Maryland has a similar upcoming event - a series of academic lectures for the public - titled *Natural Science and Mathematics Colloquium*. SMCM has its first talk tomorrow night at 4:40 pm.

Science for Citizens

7:00 - 8:00 pm

[CBL's Bernie Fowler Laboratory](#)

142 William Street

Solomons, MD 20688

- Tuesday, March 28th
A View into the Secret Lives of Animals on the Swim

In this talk, Dr. Dave Secor will review the mechanics and behaviors of marine animals as they school, feed, migrate, and persevere.

- Tuesday, April 4th

DolphinWatch: Dolphins in the Chesapeake Bay

Dr. Helen Bailey will discuss her work to develop an observation network that will engage local residents and provide information on dolphin distributions in the Bay.

- Tuesday, April 11th

"A Plastic Ocean" Film Screenings

SCREENINGS FROM 2-4 pm AND 6-8 pm

After viewing this documentary's never-before-seen images of plastic pollution and its ultimate consequences, Dr. Michael Gonsior will answer audience questions.

- Tuesday, April 18th

Raising the Grade: Patuxent River & Chesapeake Bay Report Cards

Every year we produce a data-driven report card for the Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay. Dr. Bill Dennison will discuss what is needed to raise the grades.

- Tuesday, April 25th

Foraging in the Chesapeake

What are forage species and how can knowledge of their dynamics inform management of fisheries species, like rockfish? Dr. Ryan Woodland will discuss.

Natural Science and Mathematics Colloquia

[St. Mary's College of Maryland](#)

47645 College Drive

St Marys City, MD 20686

- Wednesday, February 1st—4:40 pm

How to make drugs more efficiently: Insight from Organic Chemistry

Dr. Thomas Montgomery—University of Pennsylvania

Located in Schaeffer Building (SH 106)

- Wednesday, February 8th—4:40 pm

Life in the Matrix: The Hidden Agents Behind the Evolution of Our World, and Why We Fail to See Them

Dr. Jordan Price—St. Mary's College of Maryland

Located in Schaeffer Building (SH 106)

- Wednesday, February 15th—6:30 pm

Getting that Assist: Using My Passion for STEM and Basketball to Engage

Youth in STEM

Dr. John Drazan—Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Located in St. Mary's Hall

- Wednesday, February 22nd—4:40 pm
Animal Physics: From the Tiger's Tongue to My Daughter's Eyelashes
Dr. David Hu—Georgia Tech

Located in Schaeffer Building (SH 106)

- Tuesday, February 28th—6:30 pm
The Copernicus Complex
Dr. Caleb Scharf—Columbia University

Located in Cole Cinema

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- Wednesday, March 8th—4:40 pm
Title TBA
Dr. Deb Agarwal—Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Located in Schaeffer Building (SH 106)

- Wednesday, March 22nd—4:40 pm
Comparing the Environmental Impact of Common Household Items
Dr. David Tyler—University of Oregon

Located in Schaeffer Building (SH 106)

- Wednesday, March 29th—4:40 pm
Adventures in #AltAc: How to Evolve from Biologist to Editor and Still Find Time to Tweet About It
Dr. Bethany Wasik—Cornell University Press

Located in Schaeffer Building (SH 106)

- Wednesday, April 5th—4:40 pm
On Pennies, McNuggets, Polynomials and How to Help the Government Save Money
Dr. Ricardo Conceicao—Gettysburg College

Located in Schaeffer Building (SH 106)

Upcoming Events:

- **Watershed Steward's Academy**
Meet and Greet



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Tuesday Feb. 7
6:00 - 7:30
Ag Services Bldg, Leonardtown
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- **Watershed Steward's Academy**
Meet and Greet

Wednesday Feb. 15
6:00 - 7:30
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- **Earth Day on the Square**

April 23
12:30 - 4:30
FREE Leonardtown Square

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