The history of Georgia can be read in its waters. From the transatlantic slave trade to Deliverance to ongoing water wars over the Chattahoochee, waterways have shaped the lives of Georgians in critical ways. Besides providing a habitat for wildlife (and people), Georgia’s watersheds have connected residents to the outside world, provided drinking water and food, whisked away wastes, and served as a key source of power and recreation. This seminar will consider the history of Georgia from the vantage of its waters, touching on each of these elements. We will conclude with a discussion of emerging issues like climate change, Savannah River dredging, and water scarcity—issues that will play a decisive role influencing uses of Georgia’s waters far into the future.

The seminar will be moderated by Dr. William D. Bryan, a 2014-2015 Fox Center Postdoctoral Fellow. The seminar will meet at the Fox Center from 7pm-9pm for four Wednesday evening sessions during the 2017 fall semester: Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8 and Dec 13. Everyone from the Atlanta community is welcome and invited to join us for this free seminar. For further information or to reserve seating on a “first-come basis,” email the Fox Center at foxcenter@emory.edu, or call 404.727.6424.

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