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Gulf Oil Spill Symposium: Building Bridges in Crisis



Keynote address: Sylvia Earle
National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence,
former chief scientist, NOAA

Jan. 25, 2 p.m.
UGA Chapel

Panel discussions and roundtable discussion
Jan. 26, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Georgia Center
1197 South Lumpkin Street
Athens, Georgia

Exploring the research and response efforts associated with the nation's worst maritime oil spill, with the goal of improving communication among stakeholders and the public

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Panelists include: Justin Gillis, *New York Times* reporter; Ray Jakubczak, BP Deepwater Horizon Florida Team representative; Samantha Joye, University of Georgia professor of marine sciences; Steve Murawski, former director of scientific programs and chief science adviser, NOAA

Topics include:

- **Scientific Synergies**—nationally recognized scientists will give a brief overview of the current state of knowledge about the spill and its impacts and discuss how research has been shared and coordinated.
- **The Human Connection**—representatives of industries and communities affected by the spill will discuss its socioeconomic impacts and the challenges of accessing and providing information on a local level.
- **Covering Catastrophe**—representatives of the news media will discuss how they covered the oil spill and share their ideas for improving the reporting of complex and controversial scientific matters.
- **Promoting Partnership**—representatives from government and industry will discuss their role in coordinating research and the flow of information. The panelists will also offer their perspectives on how to strengthen collaboration among stakeholders.
- **Building Bridges**—a roundtable discussion that will bring representatives from the earlier sessions together to synthesize ideas and define areas of consensus.

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