

## The Baltimore Environmental Film Series at Loyola University Maryland

Presents: *Haleema* (Schaarschmidt, 2013) and *Last Call at the Oasis* (Yu, 2012)

March 21, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Loyola University Maryland – McGuire Hall West

### Event Synopsis

The feature documentary film for the evening is *Last Call at the Oasis*, which firmly establishes the global water crisis as the central issue facing our world this century. Prior to the event, participants are asked to view the film *Haleema* [online via Vimeo](#). This film is a parable about water availability in North Africa and demonstrates the seriousness of the world water crisis as we watch the journey of a young girl to find water. This event is a celebration of World Water Day, March 22, 2016 and organizations will be on hand tabling around the issue and contributing to the post film discussion.

### Resources for Attendees

- World Water Day – Theme: Water & Jobs <http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday>
- *Haleema* Website <https://www.facebook.com/Haleemathefilm/>
- Watch *Haleema* online <https://vimeo.com/49417426>
- Last Call at the Oasis Website <http://www.takepart.com/lastcall>
- Water Crisis Spreads Throughout Sudan <http://sudanreeves.org/2015/07/03/water-crisis-spreads-throughout-sudan-june-2015/>
- Water Footprint Calculator <http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/freshwater/change-the-course/water-footprint-calculator/>
- Last Call at the Oasis Study Guide [http://filmed.sffs.org/Asset/00000345/StudyGuide\\_sffs\\_classroom\\_lastcallattheoasis.pdf?download=true](http://filmed.sffs.org/Asset/00000345/StudyGuide_sffs_classroom_lastcallattheoasis.pdf?download=true)
- Jay Famiglietti Website <http://jayfamiglietti.com/>
- Pacific Institute Website <http://pacinst.org/>
- Erin Brockovich Website <http://www.brockovich.com>

### Discussion Questions

- Did watching the film change your perspective on water and the need for conservation? How? Are there any changes you can make in your own personal environment (or habitual behavior) to improve your personal water footprint? If so, what?
- What is the right to water? Why isn't the right to water available to everyone in the world?
- What do you think is the bigger crisis – lack of safe drinking water or lack of water for sanitation? Why?
- What did you know or believe about the global water supply before seeing this film? What did you learn from watching it? What was the single most surprising fact you learned?
- How would you describe the "moral" of either film? If you had to summarize the message that the filmmaker was trying to convey in one sentence, what would it be?
- How can you affect change in the amount of water usage in your home? On your campus? What is the value of raising awareness of this issue? What physical implementations would improve water efficiency in your home or on your campus? What behavioral changes would improve water efficiency?
- What are some of the water issues in the area you live in? How are these issue similar and/or different from those in the films?
- What is the international responsibility on the issue of water in the world?

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