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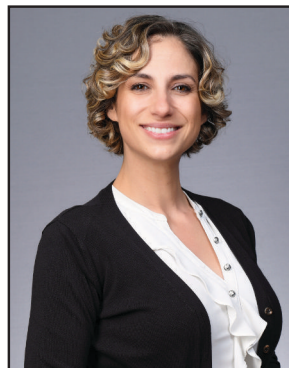
Action Research: Water Insecurity, Women's Health, and Socio-Environmental Justice

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10:15 a.m. • Suter Science Center room 106

Water insecurity - the inability to access and benefit from affordable, adequate, reliable, and safe water - has far-reaching adverse consequences for human wellbeing and health. In this presentation, Dr. Tallman will review the ways that water insecurity influences women's health on a global scale. She will then discuss how her team has used an "action research" framework to connect scientific research to on-the-ground action to promote gender equality and environmental conservation in Peru and Indonesia. Dr. Tallman will conclude with concrete strategies for students to become leaders promoting social and environmental justice in their careers and communities.

Dr. Paula Skye Tallman is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Loyola University Chicago. She received her BA from Johns Hopkins University and her PhD from Northwestern University. Dr. Tallman's research examines how environmental factors are linked to human health in South America and Southeast Asia. Her current action-oriented research focuses on water insecurity and women's health in Peru and Indonesia. Dr. Tallman has received over \$1.3 million in research funding and multiple awards for undergraduate mentoring and teaching. In her free time, she enjoys hot yoga and forcing her children to go on nature walks (they'll appreciate the memories one day).



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