

# The Fireside Series

**FEBRUARY 11, 2021**  
**WATER JUSTICE**

## **How do infrastructure projects lead with equity?**

Communities in the U.S. have shown that a critical connection between water and equity is a key part of climate justice. WATER JUSTICE explores national trends in water management that kept equity at the forefront, centered communities of color, and generated more environmental investments in historically disinvested neighborhoods. Participants will learn strategies for their own communities that move toward a greener and more just future. Session highlights the Rainier Beach Link2Lake project.

*SPU's Fireside Series is a digital convening in three parts that discusses water concepts relevant to community issues.*

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# FEATURED SPEAKERS & PROJECT WATER JUSTICE

February 11  
5:00-6:30 p.m.  
Register online



## BARBARA BROWN WILSON

Associate professor of urban and environmental planning at the [UVA School of Architecture](#) and co-founder and faculty director at the UVA [The Equity Center](#).



## PAULINA LOPEZ

Executive Director of the [Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition \(DRCC\)](#)/TAG and has over 25 years of experience working on issues of civil rights, social environmental justice, equity, education and diversity.



## RENÉE WILLETTE

Vice President, Programs and Strategy at the [US Water Alliance](#), a national nonprofit organization advancing policies and programs that build a sustainable water future for all.



## MAMI HARA, MODERATOR

General Manager/CEO of [Seattle Public Utilities \(SPU\)](#). She is committed to advancing equitable and sustainable land and water management practices throughout Seattle and the region.



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: LINK2LAKE

[Be'er Sheva Park](#) on the shores of Lake Washington is the main outdoor gathering space in South Seattle's Rainier Beach neighborhood. [Link2Lake](#) is a community-driven beach access and improvements project.