

## Backstage Conversation on Climate and Flooding for Northlight Theatre's Production of *By the Water* Held on April 1, 2017 at Evanston Public Library



### About the Production

When the Murphy family faces the loss of their lifelong home, the secrets they've kept buried for years are suddenly exposed – leaving them vulnerable not only to nature, but to each other. In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, the Murphy family fights to protect their home, their community and their dignity in this compassionate portrait of a working class family struggling to keep their American Dream alive.

<https://northlight.org/events/by-the-water/>

### About the Panel Discussion

On Saturday, April 1, a panel of environmental experts discussed the very human implications of climate change, and the many ways our changing environment has affected our lives.

Panelists included:

Aaron Packman, Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Director of Northwestern Center for Water Research, Northwestern University

Anna Roosevelt, American [archaeologist](#) and Professor of [Anthropology](#) at the [University of Illinois at Chicago](#). She studies human evolution and long-term human-environment interaction.

Tony Dalrymple, Willard & Lillian Hackerman Professor of Civil Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering, Johns Hopkins University

Katie Freeman, Director of Operations, Hagerty Consulting. She is an emergency management professional with extensive experience in training and exercises, disaster housing, capabilities assessments, and emergency planning.