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SCIENTISTS PRESENT HURRICANE PANEL AT ECU

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Greenville – How and why do hurricanes form in the Atlantic Ocean? How does the 2008 season compare to previous years? Will there be more hurricanes, and stronger ones, as the Earth’s climate warms? These questions, as well as others, will be addressed at an upcoming panel discussion on hurricane forecasting held at East Carolina University.

Faculty in the Department of Geography’s division of Atmospheric Science and Geomorphology will present “Wind and Water: The Science of Hurricane Forecasting and Impacts in a Changing Climate,” from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 25, in the Bate Building, Room 1031.

The event, hosted by the ECU student organization GeoClub, is part of Natural Sciences week in the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences month-long celebration of the ECU Centennial. Participating faculty will draw from their ongoing research to address a number of important questions.

Faculty, students and the general public are invited to attend the free event, and audience participation is encouraged. Donations will be collected at the event to benefit hurricane relief efforts.

Sponsors of the panel include the Coastal Resources Management Program, Center for Natural Hazards Research, Center for Sustainable Tourism and the Department of Geography. Geography has a long-standing record of research in natural hazards and flood hydrology and has established, most recently, an atmospheric science and meteorology program.

For more information, contact Dr. Tom Rickenbach in the Department of Geography at 252-328-1039 or rickenbacht@ecu.edu. Reporters and photographers are welcome to cover the event.

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