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Ben Kalina, Director of ‘Shored Up,’ to Screen Coastal Development Film at ECU

GREENVILLE, N.C. (April 8, 2014) — East Carolina University soon will welcome film director Ben Kalina to campus for a public screening and panel discussion of “Shored Up,” at 7 p.m. April 22, in Wright Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. No tickets are required.

“When Superstorm Sandy devastated the East Coast, it was a wake up call to a new reality,” said Dr. D. Reide Corbett, ECU professor of geological sciences and senior scientist with the ECU Institute for Coastal Science and Policy. “‘Shored Up’ takes us to the heart of this coastal controversy, following communities in New Jersey and North Carolina where politics, economics and science collide.”

Set in Long Beach Island, NJ, and the Outer Banks of NC, and filmed over three years with the culmination of Hurricane Sandy, “Shored Up” explores the political conflicts and personal stakes of communities along the shore. Information is gathered from scientists, politicians, residents and a wide range of experts to expose major hurdles in coastal management and the immediate need for change.

Film director Kalina writes in his film’s synopsis, “‘Shored Up’ is a look at what happens when we ignore the realities of geology in our drive to inhabit and profit from our coastlines. As the oceans rise and storms flood our towns and cities, we have a choice to make: do we continue to develop as we have in the past, ignoring clear risks and danger? Or, do we allow science to guide our policies for the future...before it's too late?”

Kalina’s work focuses on the intersection of science, culture and the environment. He directs and produces original documentaries, narrative shorts and cross-media projects as well as client-driven video productions. In addition to “Shored Up,” Kalina has produced two award-winning documentaries, “Two Square Miles” and “A Sea Change,” both of which have been nationally broadcast in the U.S. and have been successfully utilized for the purposes of environmental justice and education. In addition to his documentary work, Kalina has won several international awards for his short narrative film, “Diorama.”

This event is co-sponsored by the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Departments of Biology, Geography, Planning and Environment, and Geological Sciences; the ECU Chapter of The Coastal Society; ECU’s Center for Sustainability; the ECU Division of Research and Graduate Studies; and the ECU Institute for Coastal Science and Policy.
For additional information, contact Corbett at 252-328-1367 or corbettd@ecu.edu. Individuals requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should call 252-737-1016 (voice/TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the events.

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