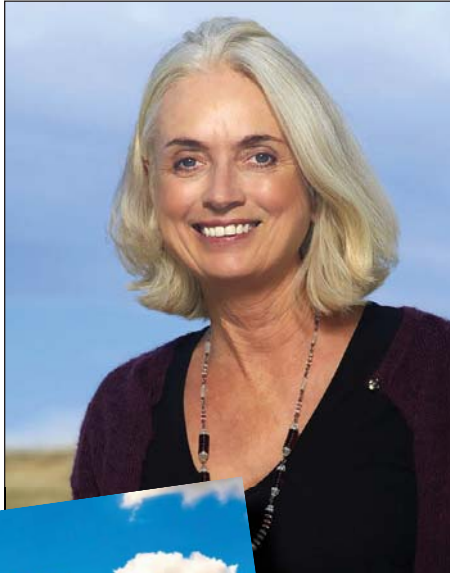




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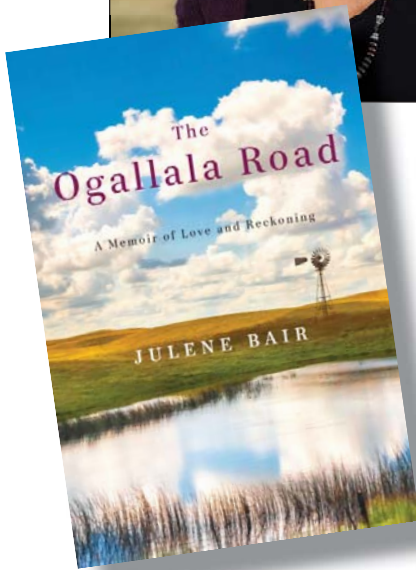


Kansas Day Presentation

Julene Bair

Bair is graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop and the Iowa Non-fiction Writing Program. She has published editorials on the Ogallala Aquifer, most notably for *USA Today* and *The New York Times*.

Our Kansas Day speaker **Julene Bair**, whose Kansas memoir, *The Ogallala Road*, was released to much critical praise last year, will explore the implications of draining the Ogallala Aquifer. These implications extend beyond the short-term Kansas economy to the long-term health of the state's land and water, and even to the world's ability to eat in the future. Bair will describe watching her own family's dry-land wheat farm and sheep ranch convert to an irrigated operation that drew, on average, 200 million gallons out of the aquifer each year. While offering practical solutions to the aquifer's depletion, Bair also argues that the aquifer can be saved only by broadening the conversation to include the source of farm families' identity, in a nature-dependent way of life.



“Our Fateful Journey Down the Ogallala Road”

4:00 PM • Thursday, January 29, 2015

Mulvane Art Museum—Main Level, Washburn University

Our speaker will answer questions and sign copies of her memoir following her presentation.

This presentation is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.