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UNOTI Guest Lecture Event:

“The Effects of Water Extremes on the Commodity Supply Chain”

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Saturday, October 5, 2024
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Milneburg Hall, Room 273



*Please join UNOTI for a conversation with **Ken Eriksen***

as he discusses how disruptions in the flow of commodities—particularly in agriculture—can have cascading effects on the economy, leading to higher freight rates, reduced transport capacity, and increased costs for consumers. His presentation will emphasize the "4-Rs" of supply chain resilience: Reliable, Resilient, Resourceful, and Redundant. Eriksen will highlight several case studies, including the Mississippi River, Panama Canal, and other key waterways impacted by drought and flooding.

About the Speaker: *As Managing Member of Polaris Analytics and Consulting, Mr. Eriksen leads business activity and client engagement on commodity, supply chain, transportation and logistics activities for strategic positioning and focus. Prior to this, he has served as the Strategic Advisor of the S&P Global, Commodity Insights Industry Executive Advisory team, the agricultural statistician for USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, and as an international longshoreman with the Pacific Maritime Association at the Port of Tacoma, Washington.*

Eriksen is a sought after speaker on commodity, supply chain, transportation and infrastructure issues and developments and is an expert witness in transportation, logistics and supply chain matters.

Mr. Eriksen received bachelor's and master's degrees in Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics from Washington State University.



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