The Kalamazoo River: Oil and Algae

A tar sands crude oil spill contaminated 30 miles of the Kalamazoo River in late July 2010 as a result of a pipeline rupture. This spill is one of the largest in the Midwest. Over the past year, the emergency cleanup has also impacted the river, which is noticeably more turbid than usual. I will discuss some results on the effects of the oil spill and clean-up on benthic invertebrate communities.

Thursday, September 29, 8:00-9:00 a.m.,
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Informal, interdisciplinary presentation will be followed by discussion. All are welcome; breakfast is provided.