

**2009 Mid-Atlantic Stream Restoration
Abstract**

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Abstract	<p>It is generally recognized that the science of stream restoration is rapidly evolving and often the practice is ahead of the science. In order to continue to advance the field it is critical that the practice and academic fields work together to identify research needs within the profession and then ultimately bring new research findings back into practice. This partnership is especially critical to build consensus on the viability of stream restoration and to support the need for multi-objective approaches to water resource projects. In building this partnership, it is also critical that on-going academic research on the benefits of stream restoration focuses on the latest techniques and not practices that have already become outdated in this rapidly evolving profession.</p> <p>This talk will include a brief history on the evolution of the profession over the last 10 years and will focus on ways to improve interaction between the practice and academic fields.</p>