



The 2019 Women’s Workshop was held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Eighty-five women and men participated in the event. Below is a group shot of the Workshop participants. *Photo by Bob Visicaro.*







Clockwise from top left: Dr. Kristin Esterberg, President, SUNY Potsdam, was the keynote speaker; Theresa Phalon, President & Chief Executive Officer, The North Country Savings Bank; Diane Fish, Deputy Director, Adirondack Council, center in white, led facilitated discussions; even a winter fire drill did not dampen spirits; the audience; and, a panel discussion on workplace strategies with Tracy Ormsbee, Publisher, Adirondack Explorer, Lenore VanderZee, Executive Director for University Relations, SUNY Canton, and Malika Carter, Chief Diversity Officer, SUNY ESF.







## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Adirondacks

The Conference Center at Lake Placid, Lake Placid, NY  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019



Featured speakers and their topics included left to right: Stephanie Hanes Wilson, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, “The Intersection of Culture and Conservation; Lessons learned in an Africa Study and a Relationship to the Adirondacks”; Jennifer Hushaw Shakun, Manomet, “Science and Research - Private Working Forests as Part of the Climate Change Solution”; and Dr. Laura Valeria Gonzales-Murphy, Director, NYS Office of New Americans, “Immigration Programs and Challenges in the State and region. Below left, the Conference in session, and right, ARC President Amanda Lavigne discusses energy policy with Shawn Conin of the Adirondack North Country Association.





Attending the 2019 Annual Conference above, SUNY Plattsburgh students and their professors from left: Khanh Linh Le, Troy Tetrault, Dr. Janet Puhalla, Alexandria Elliot, Dr. Mary Aildred and Professor Eileen Allen. At left, Paul Smith's College Professor, Dr. Janet Mihuc, explains the Adirondack Orchid Project. Below, left to right, Sabine Denkenberger plays classical guitar at the Student Poster Reception; ARC Executive Director Dan Fitts with Dr. Gonzales-Murphy; and, Dr. Nancy Mathews, Dean of the Rubenstein School at the University of Vermont, speaks during the Annual Awards Luncheon on behalf of Dr. William Porter the 2019 Dr. Elizabeth Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award recipient.







**Adirondack Social Science Research Workshop**  
 This October, we held the inaugural Adirondack Social Science Research **Workshop at Paul Smith's College. The purpose was** to continue the dialogue on past and current social science research in the region, to identify gaps that warrant future inquiry, and to begin coordinating social science research within the Adirondacks. Pictured clockwise from top left: Students from the Clarkson University Adirondack Program participate in the workshop; a panel presentation on emerging issues with, left to right: Stanzi Bliss, Director of Giving and Communications, Adirondack Foundation; Dr. Richard Stedman, Professor, Department of Natural Resources, Cornell University; Dr. Donathan Brown, Assistant Provost and Assistant Vice President for Faculty Diversity and Recruitment, Rochester Institute of Technology; and, Sylvia Getman, CEO, Adirondack Health; and, facilitated group discussions to identify action items.



**2019 Annual Forestry Roundtable at SUNY Adirondack**  
 Also, this October, 120 forestry professionals, government officials, academics and students attended the program at SUNY Adirondack. The purpose of this one-day workshop was to get a better understanding of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. Pictured below left Assemblyman Dan Stec welcomes attendees; and, Paul Smith's College Sustainability Professor Dr. Brett McLeod, far right, with Dan Fitts and two Paul Smith's College students, far left, Isaac Leach and Wolf Mueller, who attended the Forestry Roundtable.





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