

Remembering our Board President and Friend



Dr. Bruce W. Selleck (1949–2017), the Thomas A. Bartlett Chair and Professor of Geology at Colgate University, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, July 31, 2017. Bruce joined the Adirondack Research Consortium Board in 2011 and was elected President at the 2017 Annual Membership Meeting held during the 24th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks in Lake Placid. Bruce had deep ties to the Adirondacks and brought a wealth of passion and ideas to the Consortium. His friendship and leadership is missed by all his friends and colleagues. Volume 22 of the Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies, published in 2018, was dedicated in his honor. Bruce also came up with the idea of the issues forum at the Annual Conference. The Consortium has dedicated this annual program in his honor to be known as the “Dr. Bruce W. Selleck Adirondack Issues Forum”.



The **Elizabeth Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award** is given annually to an individual who has demonstrated significant contributions to the long-term sustainability of the Adirondack Park through scholarship, research, and policy initiatives. Past awardees include **Nina Schoch**, a wildlife veterinarian and biologist; **Ray Curran**, Adirondack ecologist; **Eileen Allen**, SUNY Plattsburgh; **Barbara Bedford**, Cornell University; **Joe Martens**, former Commissioner, NYS DEC; **Myron Mitchell**, SUNY ESF; **Jerry Jenkins**, Wildlife Conservation Society; **Dudley Raynal**, SUNY ESF; and, **Barbara McMartin**, Adirondack author.

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26th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks

“Sharing Science and Policy in the Adirondacks - Culture,
Conservation, and Communication”

Conference Center at Lake Placid



2019 Award Luncheon

May 23, 2019



Richard Dunn Morse passed away on Monday, November 7, 2016. He was 66. Rick received both his B.A. and M.A. from S.U.N.Y. Albany. After spending 32 years at the New York State Assembly, where he was one of the original authors of Superfund legislation, Rick worked as a senior policy advisor at Ecology and Environment, Inc. He was an avid backcountry and alpine skier, sailor, runner and Ironman triathlete. Music was a central

part of Rick's life from an early age and an enduring source of joy. Ecology and Environment has established an annual Award Fund in Rick Morse's name which is managed by the Adirondack Research Consortium. Through the Fund, \$500 awards will be given annually to a student who is studying at one of the colleges/universities in the Adirondack Region that shares the passion Rick had for environmental policy, music, and/or outdoor activities in the Adirondacks.

2019 Ecology and Environment Richard D. Morse Award Winners



Katherine Gale is a 2019 graduate of Paul Smith's College with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science, and a dual minor of Botany and Chemistry. While at the College, she enjoyed hiking, kayaking, and rock-climbing. She developed programs for fellow students on hiking, paddling, camping, and rock climbing. She developed "The Art's Program", a program to connect students to music, theatre, and the

arts. Katherine has worked for the DEC Environmental Camps and the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program in education and outreach positions. Katherine plans to pursue a master's degree and a career in education.

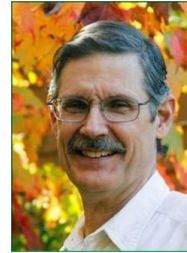


Kai Scarangella is an Environmental Studies major, with a chemistry focus, at Hamilton College. At Hamilton, she was the President of the Hamilton Environmental Action Group She participated in Hamilton's Adirondack Program and interned at the Adirondack Watershed Institute and the Adirondack Mountain Club. She is an avid hiker and aspiring 46er and has completed 27 of the High Peaks and plans to summit all 46 by spring 2020. As a Hamilton Outing Club leader, she leads hiking

and snowshoeing trips to the Adirondacks. Kai plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Environmental Science focusing on public policy.

Dr. William F. Porter

2019 Dr. Elizabeth W. Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award



Bill is the inaugural Boone and Crockett Club Professor of Wildlife Conservation in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Michigan State University. A graduate of the University of Northern Iowa, Porter earned his PhD in ecology and behavioral biology from the University of Minnesota. Prior to his work at Michigan State, Bill distinguished himself for 32 years at the **SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry** in Syracuse as both

a professor and the administrator of the 15,000-acre Huntington Wildlife Forest research facility in Newcomb, NY. His innovative and ground-breaking research has had a major impact on the field of wildlife management, in particular, the NYS DEC's policies and activities in regard to deer, wild turkey and moose. Accepting the Thorndike Award on Bill's behalf is **Dr. Nancy E. Mathews**, Dean, Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, University of Vermont.



Dr. Elizabeth W. Thorndike has spent her professional career in the nonprofit and education sectors, and in public policy positions concerned with the environment at the local, state, and federal levels. Dr. Thorndike was founder, executive director, president, and member of the board of the Center for Environmental Information (CEI) in Rochester, NY from 1973 to 2007. She has held appointments as adjunct faculty at Cornell University since 1996. She has served as a Commissioner of the Adirondack Park Agency where she chaired the Agency's Park Policy and Planning Committee from 1980 to 1995, as a member of Governor Mario Cuomo's Environmental Advisory Board from 1985 to 1994, and as a member of NYSERDA's Board since 1997 where she chairs the Waste and Facilities Management Committee with oversight for cleanup of the West Valley nuclear waste site. Dr. Thorndike holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Stanford University and Harvard University and a doctorate in natural resource policy and planning from Cornell University.