



26th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks
The Conference Center at Lake Placid, Lake Placid, NY
May 22nd and 23rd, 2019

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

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Wednesday, May 22, 2018

- 7:30 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast, Poster and Exhibit Set-Up
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome: **Dr. Amanda S. Lavigne**, President, Adirondack Research Consortium
- 8:45 a.m. Keynote: **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”.
- 9:30 a.m. Featured Speaker: **Jennifer Hushaw Shakun**, Manomet, “Science and Research - Private Working Forests as Part of the Climate Change Solution”.
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation: Dialogue with **Robert B. Catell**, Energy Trends, 50-years of Energy Experiences. Moderators **Elizabeth Thorndike** and **David Miller**.
- 11:30 a.m. An Adirondack Energy Policy – Challenges and Opportunities, **Sean Connin, Ph.D.**, Clean Energy Program Director, Adirondack North Country Association.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch –Guest Speaker: **Dr. Laura Valeria Gonzales-Murphy**, Director, NYS Office of New Americans, “Immigration Programs and Opportunities in the State and Region”.
- 1:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions:
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| Session 1: LEED for Communities Development with Lake Placid and North Elba, Erik Backus , Clarkson University; Megan Flory , Louisa Ulrich-Verderber , and Paul Barber , Clarkson University; and Dean Dietrich , Lake Placid. |
| Session 2: Engaging Forest Owners, Foresters and Industry to Improve Habitat for Priority Birds in New York, Project Update: Emma Johnson , American Forest Foundation; Suzanne Treyger , Audubon, New York; MJ Packer , NY Tree Farm Committee; and, Wayne Majuri , International Paper Ticonderoga. |
- 3:00 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions:

Session 1: Forestry Research Agenda for the Adirondacks - research on-going and necessary to support policy and regulations for the role of forests and wood products in addressing climate change:

John Bartow, Executive Director, Empire State Forest Products Association, Moderator;

Jeff Denkenberger, Division Forester, Molpus Woodlands Group, Moderator;

Susan Heagle, Climate Policy Analyst, Office of Climate Change, NYS DEC;

Peter Innes, Deputy Director, Division of Lands & Forests, NYS DEC; and,

Colin Beier, PhD, Associate Professor, SUNY ESF.

Session 2: The Past, Present, and Future of Adirondack Social Science Research - this working session will identify past and current social science research on the Adirondacks to identify gaps that warrant future social science inquiry with the goal to begin coordinating social science research to better address social issues within the Adirondacks:

Discussion Leaders: **Joseph Henderson & Kelly Cerialo**, Paul Smith's College; **Adam Dewbury**, Cornell University; and, **Heidi Kretser**, Wildlife Conservation Society.

Mark Your Calendars!

This session will be followed by a broader workshop at **Paul Smith's College on August 14th, 10:00 – 3:00**, to further develop a social science research agenda for the Adirondacks.

5:00 p.m. Reception – POSTER SESSION: Meet the Poster Authors
Refreshments, Music, and Prizes!

Thursday, May 23, 2018

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens, Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. 2019 Adirondack Research Consortium's Annual Meeting and Elections

- Board Nominations
- Recognition of Directors Leaving Board
- Financial Report, Treasurer **David Miller**
- Remarks by President **Amanda Lavigne**
- Open Membership Comments

8:30 a.m. Speaker: **Peter Bauer**, Executive Director, Protect the Adirondacks, Economic and Population Trends in the Adirondacks – 1970-2010 Report.

9:30 a.m. Panel: Adirondack Perspectives on Economic and Population Trends: **Ross Whaley**, CGA, Moderator; **James McKenna**, CEO, ROOST; **Dr. Anthony Collins**, President, Clarkson University; **Hon. Dan Stec**, NYS Assembly; and, **Stanzi Bliss**, Director of Donor Services/Communications, Adirondack Foundation.

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions:

Session 1: ● Adirondack Orchid Project, **Dan Spada**

● Adirondack Moth Diversity: An Important Link Between Forests, Birds and Other Insectivores, **Dr. Janet Mihuc**, Paul Smith's College.

Session 2: ● Lake Monitoring Trends in Fish Communities in Lower St. Regis Lake, **Craig Milewski & Bob Visicaro**, Paul Smith's College.

● Mapping the spatial distribution of native and non-native trout in the Ausable River watershed, **Brendan Wiltse**, Science & Stewardship Director, Ausable River Association.

12:00 p.m. Annual Awards Luncheon:

• Student Award: **2019 Ecology and Environment Richard H. Morse Award:**

Katherine Gale, Paul Smith's College

Kai Scarangella, Hamilton College's Adirondack Program, Accepted by **Clare Cho**

• Presentation of the **2019 Dr. Elizabeth W. Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award to:**

Dr. William F. Porter, Boone and Crockett Chair of Wildlife Conservation in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Michigan State University and former President of the Adirondack Research Consortium. Award being accepted by **Dr. Nancy E. Mathews**, Dean, Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, University of Vermont.

1:30 p.m. **Dr. Bruce W. Selleck** Annual Adirondack Issues Forum

A 50-Year Retrospective on "Design with Nature" and **Ian McHarg's** Connection to Adirondack Planning." To celebrate and educate.

- **Raymond Curran (John Wargo)** –Introduction and explanation. Inspiration of McHarg. Use of overlays and resource capability to prepare the private land resource capability assessment. Actually see the tissues and zip-a-tone overlays on the 15 minute quad maps used to prepare the AP Land Use and Development Plan.
- **Jim Hotaling (John Banta)** - Following establishment, aspects of implementation with localities and acceptance of use of resource constraints.
- **Amy L. Smith, Esq.** - use of methodology in Private Land Conservation – personal observations. (**Bill Brown, Tom Duffus**)
- **Matt Kendall** - (with **Rick Weber, John Barge, Jim Connolly**) "Assessing Resource Capability in the digital age" Transmutation to digital with the example of "Map Amendments" and utility of GIS in that process. Personal observations.
- **Ross Whaley (Michael Clarke)**– Wind-up: Note on how the methodology was used in his experience. Ian's personality, philosophy and experimentation with the practical application of "ecological planning," as well as his next frontier of developing a companion methodology for understanding the cultural landscape.
- Discussion with questions from audience.



*Dr. Bruce Selleck,
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3:00 p.m. Adjourn

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