



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

May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid, NY

### "Emerging Pressures Caused by Climate Change"

Join us at the Annual Conference as we delve into the pressing issue of climate change in the Adirondacks. Explore how rising temperatures are reshaping ecosystems, endangering native flora and fauna, and threatening local communities and culture. Through expert presentations and interactive dialogue, we'll seek innovative ideas and recommendations for future actions and policies to address this urgent challenge. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the solution!

#### DRAFT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

##### Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- 8:30 a.m. Registration, Coffee, Poster, and Exhibit Set-Up
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Messages:
- 9:15 a.m. Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Curt Stager**, Paul Smith's College  
"Who's An Adirondacker, and Why Does It Matter In A Warming World?"
- 10:00 a.m. Featured Speaker: **Keeley Jock**, Indigenous Perspective on Methods of Rating Environmental Quality/Priorities.
- 10:45 a.m. Featured Speaker: **Brad Edmondson**, Author, *Adirondack Green: George Davis and the Struggle for the Northern Forest*, The Land Protection Movement Between 1973 and 2007, Relating Events in the Adirondacks to National and International Events.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch – Speaker: **Justin Oliver**, Human Power Planet Earth, How Businesses Have Responded to Changing Climate and Changing Markets.  
Meet the Poster Authors
- 1:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions:

Session 1: "Science Alliances" <b>Saikat Chakraborty</b> , Paul Smith's College (chemistry, poetry, photography); <b>Michaele Glennon</b> , Adirondack Watershed Institute, Paul Smith's College, (climate and fiber arts); <b>Madeline Reilly</b> , Lake Champlain Basis Program, (place-based education through ecological soundscapes and music)
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Session 2: Clean Energy Communities Program, <b>Nancy Bernstein</b> , ANCA
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Session 3: Update on the Road Salt Task Force Report, <b>Sawyer Cresap</b> , Executive Director, AdkAction.
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2:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions:

Session 1: Publishing Research and Related Articles in the Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies, (AJES), <b>Dr. Ellen Percy Kraly</b> , Colgate University.
Session 2: Foreseeing Impacts in the North Country: What We Can Learn from the Frontlines of Climate Change in the Arctic, <b>Dr. Jon Rosales</b> , St. Lawrence University.
Session 3: Messaging Climate Change, <b>Jen Kretser</b> , The Wild Center

4:00 p.m.

Reception

**Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

8:30 a.m.

Registration Opens, Coffee

9:00 a.m.

Speaker: **Colin Beier**, SUNY ESF, Innovative Approaches to Forest Carbon Monitoring and Measurement.

9:30 a.m.

Panel: Practical Applications of Forest Carbon Accounting

10:45 a.m.

Panel: “Harmful Algal Blooms in the Adirondacks: Science, Trends and Solutions”, Moderator: **David Miller**, Clean Water Program Coordinator at the Adirondack Council; Presenters: **Brian Duffy**, Research Scientist, Chief of the Monitoring and Assessment Section, NYSDEC Division of Water; **Brendan Wiltse**, Chief Scientist and Director of Student Engagement at Paul Smith’s College Adirondack Watershed Institute.

12:00 p.m.

Annual Awards Luncheon:

- Speaker: **Nathalie Thill**, Executive Director, Adirondack Center for Writing, How the Arts and Creativity Can Play a Role in the Mitigation of Climate Change.
- Student Award: **Richard H. Morse Award:**
- Presentation of the **2024 Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award:**

1:30 p.m.

Screening Mountain Lake PBS Documentary: “Adirondacks for All - Diversity, Identity, and Environmental Justice in the North Country”
Introduction: <b>Dr. Curt Stager</b> , Paul Smith’s College
Discussion and Questions: <b>Erik Reardon</b> , Mountain Lake PBS

3:00 p.m.

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