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Co-Chairs: Chad Dawson (SUNY-ESF) and Michael Wilson (Sagamore Institute)

Monday, May 19

- 8:00 - 9:00 am Registration in Alumni Lounge, Marshall Hall
- 9:00 - 9:15 am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**, 5 Illick Hall
Adirondack Research Consortium President, Thomas Pasquarello (SUNY Cortland)
- 9:15-10:30 **Session I : Reconciling Human and Non-Human Economies**, 5 Illick
Chair: David Allee (Cornell Local Government Program)
Economic Indicators for the Adirondack Park, Robert Withington and Robert L. Christopherson (SUNY Plattsburgh)
Economic Vitality and Wilderness Preservation in Four Adirondack Towns, Lyle Raymond Jr.(Cornell Cooperative Extension), Tess Grubb (Southern Tier East Regional Planning & Development Board), and David Allee (Cornell University)
- 10:30 - 12:15 **Session II :Adirondack Policy**, 5 Illick
Chair: Michael Wilson (Sagamore Institute)
Adirondack Park Policies for the 21st Century: Proposals for an Implementation and Research Agenda, Elizabeth Thorndike (Cornell University)
Sustaining Economic Growth and Ecological Integrity in the Adirondack Park: Mission Implausible, Jon Erickson (Cornell University)
Homeland: Self, Society, and Social Change in the Taking of the Adirondacks, Walt Aikman (SUNY-ESF)
Understanding Public-Private Partnerships in the Context of the Adirondack Park, Sarah Michaels (Tufts University), William Solecki (Florida State University) and Robert Mason (Temple University)
An Implementation Analysis of New York State's Real Property Tax Law Section 480-a, Paul Gunning (SUNY-ESF)
- 12:15 - 1:15 pm **Lunch**: Alumni Lounge, Marshall Hall
- 1:15 - 2:15 **Roundtable I: Reconciling Nature and Culture**, 5 Illick
Chair: John Davis (Editor, Wild Earth)
Question: Are the preservation and restoration of biological diversity obstructed by widely held attitudes toward Wilderness? Or is the consideration of Wilderness as a socially constructed ideal an academic game not worth the candle--or worse a dangerous undermining of the conservation movement?
Respondents: Bill Mckibben (Johnsburg, NY), Christopher McGrory-Klyza (Middlebury College), Michael Wilson (Sagamore Institute)
- 2:15 - 3:00 **Session III: Lake Champlain Basin Program: Successes and Lessons Learned**, 5 Illick
Colleen Hickey, (Vt. LCBP), James Connolly, (NY LCBP Coordinator & NYS DEC), Joe Racette (NYS DEC)
- 3:15 - 5:00 **Session IV:Wetlands and Water Quality**, 5 Illick

Chair: Christopher Cirmo (Susquehanna University)

A Multidisciplinary Investigation of the Role of Wetlands in Nitrogen Transport in an Adirondack Watershed, Christopher Cirmo (Susquehanna University), Jeffrey McDonnell (SUNY-ESF), Myron Mitchell (SUNY-ESF) and Michael McHale (SUNY-ESF)

Water Lily Decline in the Adirondacks: Findings and Implications of an Exploratory Study, Rebecca Schneider (Cornell University), Charles Krueger (Cornell University) and Dan Josephson (Cornell University)

Large Landscape Watershed Mapping with Geographic Information Systems: What We Learned About Mapping a Million Acres of the Adirondack Park, Karen Roy (Adirondack Park Agency) and John Barge (Adirondack Park Agency)

Locating Peatlands Using Geographic Information Systems in the Oswegatchie-Black River Watershed, Judith Ross (Adirondack Park Agency) and Karen Roy (Adirondack Park Agency)

An Isotope Investigation of Streamflow Generation During Snowmelt in a Catchment within the Adirondack Mountains, NY, Michael McHale (SUNY-ESF), Jeffrey McDonnell (SUNY-ESF), Christopher Cirmo (Susquehanna University) and Myron Mitchell (SUNY-ESF)

5:00-5:45

Special Presentation: The Status of the U.S. Man and the Biosphere Program in the Adirondacks and Elsewhere, 5 Illick

Roger Soles (DES/ETC/MAB, US Dept. of State)

5:45 - 6:30 pm

Poster Session and Coffee Break in Alumni Lounge, Marshall Hall

Factors Affecting the Function of Constructed Wetland Systems, K. Zynda, R. Desmarais, E. Marsteiner, T. Young, T. Theis and A. Collins (Clarkson University)

A Comparison of Peat Pore-Water Sampling Techniques on a Suite of Peatland Sites in the Central Adirondack Region, Stephen Sebestyen and Christopher Cirmo (Susquehanna University)

Water Mite Biodiversity of the Adirondacks, Andrew Bohonak and A. Martin (Cornell University)

An Interactive Information Kiosk for the Adirondack Park Visitor Interpretive Center in Newcomb, NY, Lien Alpert (SUNY-ESF)

The Representativeness of Historical Long Term Monitoring Lake Watersheds in the Adirondack Portion of the Oswegatchie-Black River Watershed, Helen Whiffen and Lee Herrington (SUNY-ESF)

In Alliance with Nature in the Adirondack Park, Paul Guttman (Village of Lake Placid)

6:30-8:30

DINNER in Alumni Lounge (Marshall)

KeyNote Speech: *Sustainable Community Projects*, Michael Kinsley (Rocky Mountain Institute)

TUESDAY, MAY 20

8:00 - 10:00 am

Session V: Resource and Use Management, 5 Illick

Chair: Chad Dawson (SUNY-ESF)

A Forest Health Monitoring System for the Adirondack Region, Paul Manion (SUNY-ESF) and David Griffin (SUNY-ESF)

Water Lily Decline in the Adirondacks: Findings and Implications of an Exploratory Study, Rebecca Schneider (Cornell University), Charles Krueger (Cornell University) and Dan Josephson (Cornell University)

Fisheries Management and Water Quality in Small Northern Adirondack Lakes, J. Curt Stager (Paul Smith's College)

A System to Evaluate Cumulative Impacts for the Adirondack Park, R.P. Curran et al.
(Adirondack Park Agency)
A Short History of Adirondack Trails or How Planning Failures Have Resulted in Current Management Problems, Barbara McMartin (Caroga, NY)
Taking Root in the Rock: The Case for a True Adirondack Literature, Jim Gould (Paul Smith's College)

10:00-10:20 **Poster Session** and Coffee Break in Alumni Lounge, Marshall Hall

10:20-12:00 **Session VI: Wildlife Management**, 5 Illick
Chair: William Porter (SUNY-ESF)
Red Carpet or Red in Tooth and Claw? Examining the Social Impacts of the Reintroduced Yellowstone Wolves with an Eye Toward the Adirondacks, Rik Scarce (Montana State University)
Habitat Use by River Otters Along Mixed-Forest Lake Shores, Samara Trusso (SUNY-ESF)
Beaver-Created Wetlands and Avian Biodiversity in the Adirondack Park of New York, Peter Houlihan (Univ. of Massachusetts)
Incorporating Low and High Resolution Data Sets in Wildlife Habitat Analysis, Karl Didier (SUNY-ESF) and William Porter (SUNY-ESF)
Using Silvicultural Scale to Mitigate Deer Impact on Forest Regeneration, Richard Lawrence (SUNY-ESF), H. Brian Underwood (SUNY-ESF), William Porter (SUNY-ESF), David DeCalesta (US Forest Service) and Susan Stout (US Forest Service)

12:00 - 1:15 pm **Lunch and Adirondack Research Consortium Annual Business Meeting**, Alumni Lounge (Marshall Hall)

1:15 - 2:00 **Session VII: Wolves, Society, and the Law**, 5 Illick
The Environmental Policy and Management Group at the Vermont Law School will present an integrated approach to some legal issues of wolf re-introduction in the context of social, economic, and ethical considerations, as well as previous wildlife re-introductions. Karin Sheldon, Claudine Souris, Don Stump, Tisha Samosky, Julie Crane (Vermont School of Law, S. Royalton).

2:00 - 3:00 **Roundtable II: Wolf Re-Introduction in the Adirondacks**, 5 Illick
Chair: Michael DiNunzio (AK Council)
Question: After a major conference in Albany and a public opinion poll indicating strong support among park residents, Defenders of Wildlife is proceeding with a feasibility study, public education, and outreach initiatives to propose re-introduction of the eastern Timber Wolf to the Adirondacks in light of a vexed history of mammal re-introductions, and the unusual socio-political circumstances of this region, by what process, and with what schedule and expectations, should this initiative be pursued?
Respondents: Nina Fascione (Defender of Wildlife), Michael Kellet (RESTORE The North Woods), Angie Hodgson (Wildlife Conservation Society), Mary Granskou (Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society)

3:00 pm **Adjourn**

3:15 pm **Adirondack Research Consortium Executive Committee Meeting (open)**, Alumni Lounge