

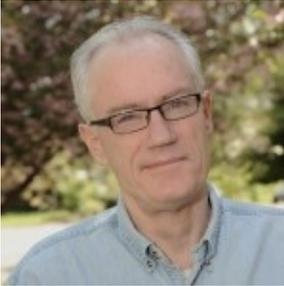


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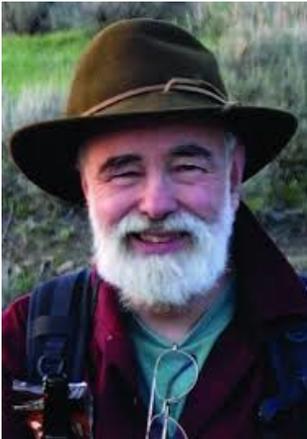
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“The Adirondack Forests - Opportunities for Diversity, Water Quality, and Innovation”

Selected Speakers



Tom Martin has been the President and CEO of the American Forest Foundation in Washington, D.C. since 2009. The American Forest Foundation (AFF) works on-the-ground with families, teachers and elected officials to promote stewardship and protect the values provided by our nation’s forest heritage. Tom is well-known from several decades of conservation leadership including senior positions at National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), Earth Force, National Audubon Society, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Tom established NPCA as the nation’s leading advocate for a strong National Parks System. He also served as President of Earth Force, the nation’s largest young people’s environmental and civic education group. Previously he was Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the National Audubon Society, overseeing all program, development, membership, and communications work. He also directed the Everglades System Restoration Campaign for Audubon. Earlier in his career, Martin was a practicing environmental lawyer and held senior management positions with Michigan’s Department of Natural Resources. Tom holds a J.D. from UCLA School of Law, and a B.S. from The American University.



Jerry Jenkins is an ecologist with the Wildlife Conservation Society's Adirondack Program (WCS). An accomplished botanist, naturalist and geographer, he has almost forty years of field experience working in the Northern Forest. Over the course of his career, his work has included conducting biological inventories for The Adirondack Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, surveying rare plant occurrences for the State of Vermont, chronicling the environmental history of acid rain with the Adirondack Lakes Survey Corporation, and understanding and interpreting historical changes to boreal lowland areas in the Adirondacks with WCS. His enthusiasm for natural history has also led him to study plant diversity and distribution across various forest types - from the Champlain Hills to large working forest easements, and from old growth forests to high elevation alpine communities. Jerry co-authored with Andy Keal the Adirondack Atlas a Geographic Portrait of the Adirondack Park, perhaps the most significant Adirondack book in a generation. In his newest book *Climate Change in the Adirondacks the Path to Sustainability*, Jenkins demonstrates how climate change is already shifting the region's culture, biology and economy, and provides a road map towards a more responsible and sustainable future.



John B. Rhodes was appointed president and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) in 2013. NYSERDA is a public benefit corporation that advances innovative energy solutions to improve New York State’s economy and environment. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Rhodes served as the director for the Center for Market Innovation at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), an international environmental advocacy organization. The Center works to channel private capital toward environmentally beneficial investments with a focus on energy efficiency, renewable energy, green infrastructure, and sustainable food and agriculture. Before joining NRDC, Mr. Rhodes spent three years as acting chief operating officer at Good Energies, a leading investment firm focused on renewable energy and energy efficiency. As a member of the senior management team, he oversaw operations, strategy, and portfolio companies. Mr. Rhodes was a partner at Booz Allen Hamilton, where he provided strategic consulting for clients across technology-intensive industries including energy, aerospace, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals. He has also served as a trader and general manager at Metallgesellschaft, a German mining, metals, and engineering firm. Mr. Rhodes holds a bachelor’s degree in history from Princeton University and a master’s degree in management from the Yale School of Management.



Robert B. Catell is currently the Chairman of the Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center (AERTC) at New York State University at Stony Brook, and Chairman, New York State Smart Grid Consortium. Mr. Catell was formerly the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of KeySpan Corporation and KeySpan Energy Delivery, the former Brooklyn Union. His career with Brooklyn Union started in 1958. He became Chairman, National Grid, U.S., following the acquisition, by National Grid, of KeySpan Corporation. Mr. Catell is Chairman of Alberta Northeast Gas Ltd., and a member of the board of directors of KEYERA Energy Management Ltd. He is also the Chair of New York State Foundation for Science, Technology and Innovation (NYSTAR).



Dr. Cathy Dove is the 10th President of Paul Smith's College. Dr. Dove comes to Paul Smith's from Cornell Tech where she served as vice president since 2012, leading Cornell University's ambitious efforts to build a new, 2.1-million-square-foot campus for applied sciences on Roosevelt Island in New York City. Her responsibilities at Cornell Tech involved all administrative, operational, student services, community relations, marketing, capital planning and construction functions. The campus' first new building is expected to open in 2017, and more than 2,000 students will study there when the project is complete.

Dr. Dove has served in senior leadership roles at Cornell since 1989. Previous to Cornell Tech, her most recent positions were associate dean of its College of Engineering and, before that, associate dean at the Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management. Before Cornell, she was assistant town manager for Arlington, Mass.; a financial analyst and marketing planner for Eli Lilly and Co.; and manager of engineering systems and development for Anaren Inc., a Syracuse-based maker of microwave and radio frequency equipment.

Dr. Dove has a doctorate in higher education management from the University of Pennsylvania, an MBA from Cornell and a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University.



Dr. Barbara Bedford is a senior research associate in the Department of Natural Resources of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University, and is director of the Ecosystems Research Center there. She earned her MS and Ph.D. in land resources from the Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Dr. Bedford engages in cutting-edge and widely published research on landscape-level approaches to wetland science and management, focusing on the importance of regional hydrology and biodiversity in wetland systems. She excels at integrating her research with her teaching, allowing students to gain first-hand experience with the practice of wetland science and understand pressing wetland research questions.

A committed member of the scientific community, Dr. Bedford advocates for the use of sound science in decisionmaking by serving on numerous review and advisory committees. At present, she serves as the Past-President of the Society of Wetland Scientists, a Trustee for the Adirondack Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, and member of a National Research Council committee on restoration of the Everglades. Her work for the New York State Office of the Attorney General was quoted in a 2006 decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. She has earned three national awards recognizing her ability to translate science to policy makers, and been recognized by both her college and university for outstanding teaching. She has been at Cornell for 34 years.



Erik Nycklemoe is the new President & CEO of Mountain Lake PBS in Plattsburgh, NY. Erik built his career serving communities through public media at the American Public Media, Minnesota Public Radio, and most recently at Pacific Public Media. From 2009-2013 Nycklemoe served as Director of Network Initiatives at American Public Media Group (comprised of American Public Media, Minnesota Public Radio, Southern California Public Radio and Classical South Florida) in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he managed acquisitions, developed multi-year business strategies and pursued partnership opportunities. While at American Public Media Group, Nycklemoe also assumed interim leadership roles including managing director of music programming, where he envisioned and helped to launch Minnesota's first statewide used instrument campaign for schools. Nycklemoe presided over the purchase of more than 20 stations and translators in four states, developed performance metrics and dashboards, and led the multi-year constituent relationship management initiative which is expected to generate millions in annual additional revenue. Nycklemoe succeeds Alice Recore, who became President & CEO in 2003, and retired from Mountain Lake PBS on December 31, 2014.



Thomas L. Gais is director of the Rockefeller Institute of Government of the State University of New York. Before becoming director in 2010, Gais served as acting director, co-director, senior fellow, and fellow since he came to the Institute in 1994. His research has focused on American federalism, particularly the implementation of national social and health initiatives by state governments; the dynamics of state spending on social programs and relationships to changing needs; the role of analysis and experimentation in the routine operations of government; the comparative effectiveness of faith-based social service organizations; performance measurement and management; nonprofit social service organizations and their relations with governments; campaign finance reforms and their effects; state constitutional reforms; and interest group formation, maintenance, and strategies. Gais has taught at Barnard College, Michigan State University, and the University of Michigan. He received his doctorate in political science from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

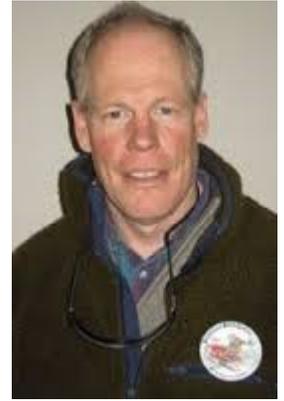


Cornelius B. Murphy Jr., was the President of the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry from May 2000 through December 2013. As the president of SUNY ESF, Murphy played a pivotal role in fostering green initiatives at the heart of the institution. Leading by example, the campus' physical infrastructure reflects a passion and commitment to be an economically responsible member of a global society that is evolving to use more friendly practices and resources. Prior to being President of SUNY-ESF, Neil held various positions at O'Brien & Gere, a global consulting firm based in Syracuse, starting out as a Laboratory Technician in June 1970 and working his way up to President in 1993 and Chairman of the Board in 1998. He was the driving force in establishing the company as a dominant player in hazardous waste management and remediation, transforming O'Brien & Gere from a local to an international firm. Dr. Murphy is currently a professor at SUNY ESF is involved in numerous projects for SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher.



Pat Curran

Curran Renewable Energy, LLC
Curran Renewable Energy is a family owned and operated group of companies with over 40 years of experience in the forest harvesting industry. Curran produces premium wood products from locally and sustainably harvested timber sourced in the North Country.



Tim Burpoe

Molpus Timberlands Management, LLC
The Adirondacks largest private land manager discusses approaches to land management, timber sales, and best management practices.

Challenges and Innovations in Conservation



Mike Carr

Executive Director, The Nature Conservancy, Adirondack Chapter

Willie Janeway

Executive Director, Adirondack Council



Dan Spada is the President of the Adirondack Research Consortium. Dan retired from the Adirondack Park Agency in 2012 after a 27+ year career, where he served as Supervisor of the Resource Analysis and Scientific Services division since 2005. In addition to serving as President of the Adirondack Research Consortium, he also serves on the Board and has been a member of the New York Flora Association since its inception. He co-authored the NYS Freshwater Wetlands Delineation Manual (1995), and developed the NYS Adirondack Park Agency Compensatory Wetlands Mitigation Guidelines (1996). Dan is a member of the Adirondack Botanical Society. Dan has been an adjunct lecturer at SUNY Plattsburgh for the course "Wetlands Ecology and Management" and has regularly guest lectured at Cornell University and Paul Smith's College on wetlands ecology and landscape scale environmental assessment. He is a professional musician playing bass in a jazz band. Winter will find him on Nordic skates on wild lake ice and summer will find him hiking, biking and kayaking.