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## Longtime SUNY ESF Professor Bill Porter to Receive the 2019 Elizabeth Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award

The Adirondack Research Consortium is pleased to announce that **Dr. William F. Porter** will be presented the **2019 Dr. Elizabeth W. Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award** at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Adirondacks, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at the Lake Placid Conference Center. 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. Bill focuses his research on game-changing issues in conservation now reshaping wildlife conservation: land-use change affecting habitats, emerging diseases in wildlife, shifting patterns in weather and climate, and changing conservation policy. His efforts are helping policy makers of Michigan

and the nation enhance conservation wildlife resources.

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.

The 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. The Award will be presented at the Annual Awards Luncheon on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00. More information about attending the Awards Luncheon can be found at www.adkresearch.org/conference/.

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