



## Press Release

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### **Esteemed author and Yale professor to speak at workshop on Social Sciences as they relate to the Adirondacks**

The Adirondack Research Consortium will hold a day-long workshop Friday, October 4, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Sterling Tomkins Pine Room of the Joan Weill Student Center at Paul Smith's College, in Paul Smiths NY. The day will include a keynote speech by author and Yale professor, **Dr. Bill Weber**, lunch, and a dynamic panel discussion on ongoing and emerging social Issues impacting the Adirondacks. **Dr. Joseph Henderson**, Professor in the Department of Environment and Society at Paul Smith's College, and Adirondack Research Consortium Board Member, points out the significance of the discussion. "While a great deal of focus has been placed on the natural resources of the Adirondacks, it is equally important to identifying the issues facing the people that live here." The purpose of this workshop is to continue the dialogue on past and current social science research in the region, to identify gaps that warrant future inquiry, and to begin coordinating social science research to better address social issues within the Adirondacks. The October 4 workshop is sponsored by Paul Smith's College, Adirondack Health, Cloudsplitter Foundation, and Colgate University's Upstate Institute.



The keynote speaker, Dr. Bill Weber, will present his thoughts at 10:15. Dr. Weber has worked for more than 30 years in the field of international conservation, combining action to save wild lands and wildlife with concern for local human needs. He is a recognized expert in rain forest ecotourism and community-based conservation, senior editor of African Rain Forest Ecology and Conservation, and lead author of the critically acclaimed book, "In the Kingdom of Gorillas." Dr. Weber has also led major conservation programs for the Wildlife Conservation Society in Africa and North America.

In addition to the presentation by Dr. Weber, an interactive panel discussion will examine existing and emerging issues in social sciences as they relate to the Adirondacks. Leading the panel discussion will be, **Stanzi Bliss**, Director of Giving and Communications, Adirondack Foundation; **Dr. Donathan Brown**, Assistant Provost and Assistant Vice President for Faculty Diversity and Recruitment, Rochester Institute of Technology; **Sylvia Getman**, CEO, Adirondack Health; and, **Dr. Richard C. Stedman**, Professor, Department of Natural Resources, Cornell University.

Pre-registration is requested and can be done through links found on the website, [Adkreasearch.org](http://Adkreasearch.org), the AdkResearch Facebook Page, or in a circulated Constant Contact Newsletter. The \$25 registration fee for the day-long event includes lunch, the keynote speech, networking opportunities, and the panel discussions. To register in advance, please visit the Adirondack Research Consortium website and follow the links to 'conferences' then to 'specialty'. ([www.Adkreasearch.org/conference/specialty](http://www.Adkreasearch.org/conference/specialty))

The Adirondack Research Consortium celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> year in 2019. In addition to this workshop, it hosts a two-day conference on the Adirondacks each May, publishes a peer reviewed journal, AJES (available in print and online) and other single day focused workshops on current topics. For more information visit the website, [AdkResearch.Org](http://AdkResearch.Org).