



Established in 1994, the Adirondack Research Consortium is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization headquartered at Paul Smith's College. The Consortium is dedicated to facilitating the exchange of research and information, fostering informed policies that shape the future of the region. Its educational initiatives include the Annual Conference on the Adirondacks, held annually in May in Lake Placid, as well as specialized workshops like the Communicating Climate Change to Young People recently held at St. Lawrence University and the Fall Forestry Roundtable held in partnership with Empire State Forest Products Association at SUNY Adirondack. The Consortium publishes the Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies on an annual basis which features articles highlighting research, issues, and organizations relevant to the Adirondack community. We welcome your involvement in supporting our mission to advance science and research in the Adirondacks through tax-deductible donations. Your contribution plays a vital role in furthering our efforts. Thank you for your consideration!

The **Elizabeth 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. Past awardees include **Curt Stager**, Paul Smith College; **Diane Fish**, Adirondack Council; **Bill Porter**, Boone and Crockett Club Professor at Michigan State University; **Nina Schoch**, a wildlife veterinarian and biologist; **Ray Curran**, Adirondack ecologist; **Eileen Allen**, SUNY Plattsburgh; **Barbara Bedford**, Cornell University; **Joe Martens**, former Commissioner, NYS DEC; **Myron Mitchell**, SUNY ESF; **Jerry Jenkins**, Wildlife Conservation Society; **Dudley Raynal**, SUNY ESF; and, **Barbara McMartin**, Adirondack author.

"Emerging Pressures Caused by Climate Change"

2024 Awards Luncheon



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Richard Dunn Morse, a dedicated advocate for environmental policy and an ardent lover of the outdoors, passed away in 2016. He dedicated 32 years of service to the New York State Assembly, actively contributing to significant initiatives such as the Superfund legislation. Following his tenure with the Assembly, he continued his impactful work as a senior policy advisor at Ecology and

Environment, Inc. Beyond his professional endeavors, Morse was deeply engaged in outdoor pursuits, including backcountry and alpine skiing, sailing, running, and competing in Ironman triathlons. Music held a special place in his heart since his youth, serving as a perennial source of happiness and inspiration. In remembrance of his legacy, an annual Award Fund was established in Morse's honor. This fund aims to celebrate his passions by granting \$500 awards each year to students enrolled in colleges or universities within the Adirondack Region. Recipients share Morse's enthusiasm for environmental policy, music, and outdoor activities, perpetuating his spirit and values within their pursuits.

2024 Richard D. Morse Award Winner – Galen Halasz



Galen Halasz is a rising sophomore at St. Lawrence University, majoring in Music and English. He is a varsity cross-country and track athlete, a member of the Choral Society, and regularly participates in intramural soccer, the nordic ski club, open mic nights, and chess club. His creative writing has been featured in the Laurentian Magazine, and he was a winner of the Bradley R. Evers Outstanding First-Year Student Award. He will be a journalism intern with the Adirondack Daily Enterprise in the summer of 2024.



Nathalie Thill is the Executive Director of the Adirondack Center for Writing. The Adirondack Center for Writing cultivates the art of writing and the joy of reading; and celebrates the power of language to invite discovery, create an understanding of people and a sense of place and community. Nathalie holds a B.A. in Classical, Ancient Mediterranean, and Near Eastern Studies and Archaeology from the University of Buffalo. The

Center for Writing, which was launched by Nathalie, is celebrating its 25th anniversary and is located in downtown Saranac Lake, NY.

Robert C. Glennon

2024 Dr. Elizabeth W. Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award



Robert C. Glennon completed his undergraduate studies at Dartmouth College, graduating with an A.B. in English with Distinction. He went on to earn his J.D. from Albany Law School in 1970. Following his admission to the Bar in 1971, he spent three years working under Attorney General Louie Lefkowitz. In 1974, Glennon transitioned to the staff of the Adirondack Park

Agency, where he held roles as Counsel and Executive Director for 21 years. Subsequently, he served in the Plattsburgh Regional office under Attorney General Elliot Spitzer before dedicating himself to not-for-profit endeavors, particularly in the realm of Ecologically Sustainable Development in Elizabethtown, NY. Throughout his career, Bob has been recognized with various accolades, notably including the Adirondack Council's Environmentalist of the Year award and the Environmental Advocates Lifetime Achievement Award. He is also referenced in several publications focusing on the Adirondacks. Presently, Glennon contributes to Protect the Adirondacks as a member of its Board.

Liz Thorndike is a seasoned expert in public policy. She was instrumental in founding the Center for Environmental Information (CEI) in Rochester, NY, where she held key roles such as executive director, president, and board member from 1973 to 2007. Her career boasts prestigious positions including serving as a Board Member of the Adirondack Park Agency, participating in Governor Mario Cuomo's Environmental Advisory Board, and sitting on NYSERDA's Board of Directors. Beyond her professional commitments, Thorndike has made significant contributions to various boards. She played a pivotal role in establishing the Adirondack Research Consortium as a reputable not-for-profit organization and currently serves on the Board of Trustees for Paul Smith's College.

