Celebrating Women in Leadership

Prior to joining Paul Smith’s, Dr. Cathy S. Dove served as the vice president of Cornell NYC Tech in New York City. As vice president of Cornell Tech, she led the ambitious effort to build a new, 2.1-million-square-foot campus for applied sciences on Rooseveult Island in NYC. Her responsibilities included all administrative, operational, outreach, capital planning and construction functions. Cathy has a doctorate in higher education management from the University of Pennsylvania, an MBA from Cornell and a bachelor’s degree from Georgetown University.

Amanda Lavigne is the President of the Adirondack Research Consortium. She is an Adirondack businesswoman who started a consulting firm for local businesses in January 2019. Prior to that, Amanda worked on ANCA’s Energy Program bringing 15-years of energy systems research and project development experience to the program. At ANCA she coordinated multiple energy programs including the Clean Energy Economy Conference. Amanda joined the ANCA team in 2014 as a private contractor engaged to author of the North Country Regional Biomass Market Assessment report. Since then, she has contributed to 2 successfully funded Cleaner Green Communities project proposals, bringing over $2 million to ANCA’s Energy Program and significantly expanding opportunities to assist communities with clean energy projects. Amanda continues to work as an adjunct professor for Clarkson University. She has a PhD in Environmental Science & Engineering and MA in Civil & Environmental Engineering from Clarkson University, and a BS in Biology from Brown University.

Lynn Smith Fox has a professional background in public policy and strategic communications, serving as a senior official of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors until her 2013 retirement. She also has twenty years of volunteer experience in the non-profit sector and in higher education. Lynn has served as President of the Smith College Alumnae Association and as a member of the Smith College board, and she has multiple roles at St Lawrence University, where her husband William Fox is president. She is on the board of The Wild Center, Tupper Lake, NY and the Frederic Remington Art Museum, Ogdensburg, NY. She is also president of the Frederic Remington Art Museum Foundation. Born in Spartanburg, SC, Ms. Fox graduated with honors from Smith College, has an MBA from George Washington University, and has recently attended Bank Street College’s program in museum leadership.

Dr. Kristin Esterberg serves as SUNY Potsdam’s 16th president, a position she has held since 2014. The first woman to lead the College in its more than 200-year tradition, Dr. Esterberg has led the campus through a strategic planning process that highlights campus efforts on applied learning and providing transformational experiences to all students. Prior to coming to SUNY Potsdam, Dr. Esterberg served as provost and academic vice president at Salem State University and as deputy provost at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, where she led campus internationalization efforts. She also served as director of women’s studies at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Dr. Esterberg earned her bachelor’s degree in philosophy and political science at Boston University, before going on to earn both her master’s and Ph.D. in sociology from Cornell University. She is the author of three books and numerous publications on qualitative research methodology, gender and sexuality, and higher education.