2020 Faculty Biographies
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Tim Abbott, Regional Land Conservation & Greenprint Director, Housatonic Valley Association— Tim Abbott is a past chair of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council Steering committee (2011-2014), and has been a conservation leader in New England since 1998. He is Regional Land Conservation (RCP) Director with the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) and has directed the Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative (LHGC) RCP at HVA since 2006. He held prior leadership positions with The Nature Conservancy and the Trust for Public Land. Under his leadership, the Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative has leveraged more than $13,800,000 in public and private funding to secure 5,000 acres. Tim also leads the team that earned HVA first-time accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission in 2014. Tim serves on the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection’s Natural Heritage, Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Review Board. Tim holds a BA in English from Haverford College (1990), an MA from Clark University, and was a Fulbright Fellow in Namibia in 1996.

Keith R. Ainsworth, Managing Member, Law Offices of Keith R. Ainsworth, Esq., LLC— Keith Ainsworth has been an environmental and land use litigator of the New Haven Bar for three decades. He has a broad conservation-based practice representing land trusts, non-profits, land owners and businesses in transactions and litigation throughout Connecticut before administrative agencies and state and federal courts. Currently he serves as a member of the CT Council on Environmental Quality and as a former chair of the CT Bar Association Environmental Law section and municipal first selectman (Haddam), Keith has a perspective from several sides of the table. A graduate of Tufts with a B.S. in biology, environmental studies and English literature, Keith brings a scientific and analytical background to the law. Keith is a life member of the Madison Land Conservation Trust and served on the national leadership council of Trout Unlimited. Keith also serves as General Counsel to Vista Life Innovations, Inc., a private educational institute for adults with intellectual disabilities. Keith is also an avid outdoorsman and the author of several volumes of poetry.

Judy Anderson, Principal, Community Consultants— Judy Anderson of Community Consultants has worked in the land trust sector for over 25 years. Judy currently assists nonprofit organizations on practical strategic conservation initiatives incorporating local communities, climate change, governance, communications and community-based fundraising strategies. She also coaches land trusts on inclusive conservation easement drafting and stewardship, and building greater community relevance to ensure their work withstands the test of time. Judy is a regular presenter at national and regional land trust conferences and trainings.

Chet Arnold, Extension Educator and Director, University of Connecticut Center for Land Use Education and Research— Chet Arnold is an Extension Educator and Director of the University of Connecticut Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR). Chet has been with UConn since 1987, and has worked on the Long Island Sound Study Public Outreach Program, the NEMO Program, the National NEMO Network, and CLEAR – all of which he helped to create. Chet focuses on the integration and dissemination of CLEAR research, geospatial tools and training, and outreach programs to serve CLEAR’s municipal and other audiences. His specialty is harnessing the talent of his younger and more intelligent colleagues and taking credit for their work.


Ann Astarita, Executive Director, Roxbury Land Trust – Ann Astarita is the Executive Director of the Roxbury Land Trust (RLT) which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2020. Accredited by the Land Trust Alliance, RLT is based in Roxbury, Connecticut and has conserved over 3700 acres of land containing over 30 miles of trails. Ann has over 25 years of environmental experience spanning roles in the legal, corporate, municipal, and private sectors. She is the former chairman of the Newtown Conservation Commission. In 2017, she was the recipient of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut Pauline B. Tyler Award for Excellence in Promoting Conservation.
Mary Ballachino, Freelance Graphic Designer – Mary Ballachino is a freelance graphic designer who has worked primarily in book publishing for nearly 30 years. In 2018, her love of mosaics led her to a workshop and chance meeting with Annette. Since then, she has taught the art of mosaics to children, in addition to installing those mosaics and using her amateur gardening experience to help create the cognitive garden at Avery Point. She continues to use her design background as part of Pieceful Connections, a company specializing in cognitive gardens for children and gardens for increased cognitive functioning, especially for those with cognitive impairments such as PTSD, TBI, anxiety and depression. Mary is also an avid hiker and a trail steward along with my husband, Jeff.

Michael Benjamin, Science Teacher, Kent School — Mike worked as Land Manager at the Kent Land Trust before recently resuming his science teaching career. He has five years of stewardship experience along with a background in field ecology and a Masters in Environmental Science.

Kimberly Bradley, Committee Member, Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Watershed Coordinating Committee (ERWSCC), President, New England Mountain Bike Association— Kimberly Bradley is a professional ecologist and wetland scientist who currently volunteers her time as a member of the Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Watershed Coordination Committee and the Avalonia Land Conservancy’s Board of Directors as President and Stewardship Committee Chair. As president of the southeastern Connecticut chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association, Kim combines her passion for outdoor recreation with her professional training and experience with land conservation. Kim holds a M.Sc. in biological oceanography, and a B.Sc. in environmental science from UCONN and currently serves as a project specialist for the UCONN Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA). Prior to her position at UCONN Kim served as an ecological and environmental consultant in the private industry for just under ten years.

Amanda Branson, Executive Director, Naromi Land Trust— Amanda Branson is the Executive Director of Naromi Land Trust. Naromi was accredited in 2018 and protects 1,675 acres or 12% of Sherman. Amanda has been working with non-profit organizations to connect to their community, accomplish their goals, and streamline their operations since 2003. Amanda is co-chair of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council’s CT Accredited Land Trusts Working Group, co-chair of SALT (Small Area Land Trusts—a networking and information sharing group of land trusts in northwest Connecticut), and led the Connecticut Records Project (a joint program of the Land Trust Alliance and the Connecticut Land Conservation Council to teach land trusts sound record-keeping practices).

Sharon Bruce, Communications Manager, Audubon Connecticut – Sharon is a believer in the power of the people and the superpower of words to change the world. She honed her strategic skill set managing marketing, PR, branding and communications campaigns for a range of nonprofits with BC/DC Ideas, a creative agency in North Carolina. She learned how to listen, organize and advocate with Freelancers Union in NYC, and pitch wild ideas to media with JDub Records. In her not-so-spare time she cooks, hikes, gardens, reads and bakes.

Harvey Buford, Chairman, Hopkinton Rhode Island Conservation Commission – Harvey Buford is the Chairman of the Conservation Commission in the town of Hopkinton, Rhode Island. He is also the President of the New England Antiquities Research Association (NEARA), a nonprofit organization founded in 1964 to promote research into the origins and functions of built stone structures and sites within Northeastern North America, and to document them and encourage their protection and preservation. As the Chair of its Conservation Commission, Mr. Buford was instrumental in protecting over 700 such structures in Hopkinton through the creation of the town’s new Manitou Hassannash Preserve.

Paula Burton, Project Manager, Western Council of Governments, President, New England Mountain Bike Association-Housatonic Valley – Paula Burton is an avid hiker and mountain biker as well as a trail planner, designer, and builder of sustainable multi-use trails. She is a Project Manager at Western Council of Governments and is President of Housatonic Valley Chapter of New England Mountain Bike Association. Paula has presented on various trail related
topics around New England. Paula has also served as Regional Director for Appalachian Mountain Club and has worked as a Ridge Runner on the Appalachian Trail. She recently retired from a 30 year career as a mathematics teacher.

**Michael Callahan, President, Beaver Institute, Inc.** – Since 1998, Michael Callahan has non-lethally resolved over 1,600 human-beaver conflicts using innovative water control devices with his business Beaver Solutions LLC, located in Massachusetts. In 2017 he founded the national 501(c)3 nonprofit the Beaver Institute Inc. to be a catalyst for advancing beaver education, research and management. www.beaverinstitute.org

**Kevin Case, Eastern Director of Field Programs, Land Trust Alliance** – Kevin is in his 14th year at the Land Trust Alliance, responsible for designing and implementing programs that foster success for the 500 land trusts from Maine to Maryland. His efforts have taken him from the Maine Coast Protection Initiative, to the Alliance’s National All-Volunteer Land Trust Program, recently launching a new effort across the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Prior to joining the Alliance Kevin worked for the National Park Service, where he oversaw a federal Wild and Scenic River Study and a National Scenic Trail Study. Previously, he was Executive Director of the Farmington River Watershed Association and is a past board chair of the Winchester Land Trust and Rivers Alliance of Connecticut. Kevin currently sits on the board of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council.

**Bridget Cervero, Manager of Citizen Science, Teen Programs and Training, The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk** – Bridget Cervero earned her Bachelor’s of Science from Eckerd College in Marine Science. She has been with The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk for 10 years, starting as an Educator, she is now the Manager of Citizen Science, Teen Programs, and Training. Bridget has been a a coordinator for the Peabody-Beardsley-Maritime FrogWatch chapter since 2017. Outside of work, Bridget volunteers with The Connecticut Audubon at The Shepaug Dam eagle viewing and is in the process of earning her Master Naturalist title through the Goodwin Nature Center in partnership with Connecticut DEEP.

**Cary Chadwick, Geospatial Training Program Coordinator, Extension Educator, University of Connecticut Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR)** – Cary Chadwick is a faculty member in the Department of Extension at UConn. As a Geospatial Extension Educator, she coordinates the Geospatial Training Program for CLEAR, spending her time teaching hands-on technical trainings on the use of geospatial technologies such as geographic information systems (GIS) and global positioning systems (GPS). Cary is also involved in a number of collaborative research projects that integrate geospatial technologies to better manage and understand natural resource systems. Cary, along with Emily Wilson and Dave Dickson (CLEAR), developed and teaches all geospatial technology components of the Natural Resources Conservation Academy programs.

**Laura Cisneros, Assistant Extension Professor, UConn Department of Natural Resources and the Environment & Institute of the Environment** – Laura Cisneros is an Assistant Extension Professor in the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment & Institute of the Environment at UConn. Laura’s Ph.D. research explored the effects of human-modified landscapes on bat communities, and identified landscape characteristics that promote biodiversity and vital services provided by bats. Currently, Laura works with the NRCA to develop and implement place-based, environmental action programs that integrate technology used by professionals and support intergenerational community conservation projects. Her integrated research efforts center on understanding how environmental action programs and citizen science impact capacity to address environmental issues.

**Ben Collins, Proprietor, The Trail Building Company** – Ben is the proprietor of The Trail Building Company and has been building trails for decades. He provides trail building education courses and helps private clients and towns plan out their trail network, including hiking, equine, biking, running and ski trails.

**Bill Copeland, MD, Landowner, Masson Ridge, Northfield, MA** – Bill is a retired pediatrician with a background in ecology, evolution, public health and child development. He is also a landowner of 185 acres of "forever wild" land that serves as a laboratory and classroom to school groups, local college students and their faculty mentors. Over the past 17
years on the property, participants in educational projects on Bill's property have inventoried trees, ferns, fungi, and vertebrates. Ongoing projects include vernal pool amphibian monitoring, invasive species documentation and removal, and forest soil dynamics. Bill and his wife have begun to expand opportunities for outdoor learning with younger children.

Sharon Danosky, President, Danosky & Associates — Sharon Danosky is a strategist who partners with nonprofit organizations to build organizational capacity. With over 35 years of experience working with nonprofit organizations, Sharon knows how to drive change and achieve results, re-igniting boards with a sense of purpose, while building sustainable fundraising programs that achieve double-digit increases. Sharon brings a hands-on approach that gives her clients the tools that work and instills them with the confidence to succeed. Sharon is a BoardSource Certified Governance Trainer, and a member of the Land Trust Alliance and Connecticut Land Conservation Council. She has extensive experience working with environmental organizations and land trust throughout the region.

Reverend Terri Delahanty, Member, Cree Tribe, Founder, Women in the Spirit, Educator, University of Hartford Magnet School — Terri is an Indigenous woman, Kanihtewayakihk Opikway (Cree Tribe) with the regular practice of Native Ceremonies and teaching the Women’s Ways, handed down through the grandmothers. She has been called upon through the grandmothers the ways of pouring Sweat Lodge and a SunDancer through the guidance of the elders. Terri is the founder of WiTS (Women in the Spirit) — a retreat for women to deepen their spirituality with a recovery base. She also participates in a Women’s Council Group and facilitates teachings on the Sacred Feminine and Sacred Masculine through her Native ways, and facilitates workshops on creating personal Sacred Drums and Rattles. Terri is a Village Interpreter for the simulated village at the Institute of American Indian Studies, where she also served as a member of the Board of Trustees for many years. An educator for the past 29 years, Terri focuses on Multicultural Education for all students. She currently works at the University of Hartford Magnet School.

Dave Dickson, Assistant Extension Educator, University of Connecticut Center for Land Use Education and Research — Dave Dickson is a faculty member of the UConn Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR) and an Associate Extension Educator. He works primarily on municipal stormwater management and low impact development issues, but also provides outreach and training focused on mobile mapping technologies. He is the co-creator of the Rain Garden smartphone app and National LID Atlas.

Kathleen Doherty, Conservation Coordinator, Connecticut Farmland Trust — Kathleen Doherty is the Conservation Manager for Connecticut Farmland Trust. She manages all of CFT’s conservation easement acquisitions and stewards 58 agricultural conservation easements (and counting!). Kathleen holds a Master’s in Regional Planning from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and is an alumna of the TerraCorps AmeriCorps program.

Riley Doherty, Environmental Programs Coordinator, Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Watershed

Paul Elconin, Director of Land Conservation, Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust — Paul Elconin is the Director of Land Conservation at Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust where he oversees acquisitions and stewardship. Paul has a B.S. in environmental biology from Yale University and a M.S. in forest resources management from the State University of New York-College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Previously he was a wildlife ecology field technician, the stewardship coordinator at the Open Space Institute, and the “circuit rider” for the Land Trust Alliance of New York. Paul currently represents Weantinoge on the Working Lands Alliance Steering Committee and its Farmland Access Working Group.

Ken Elkins, Community Conservation Manager, Audubon Connecticut — Ken Elkins is the Community Conservation Manager for Audubon CT. He has been with Audubon for over 10 years as the Education Manager for Bent of the River Audubon Center managing educational programs for nature lovers of all ages. Ken designed the BirdTales program for seniors that has been done in states across the US, Canada and Britain. His passion is birding.
Dan Evans, State Lands Forester, CT DEEP — Dan Evans is the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection State Lands Forester responsible for practicing forestry at Pachaug State Forest, Connecticut’s largest State Forest and perhaps one of the areas most affected by recent gypsy moth activity. Trained at the University of Vermont and practicing forestry for over 12 years, Dan gained experience in public, private, non-profit, and research sectors before coming to DEEP. Dan also works significantly with the DEEP Wildlife Division on habitat management projects carried out on State Wildlife Management Areas.

Robert Fahey, Assistant Professor, UConn, Department of Natural Resources and the Environment — Dr. Fahey is an Assistant Professor in Forest Ecology and Management for the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment at UConn. He has an MS in Forest Ecosystems from Oregon State University and a PhD in Forest Ecology and Management from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Fahey’s research focuses on understanding linkages between the composition, structure and functioning of forest ecosystems.

Edward Faison, Senior Ecologist, Highstead — Ed received a MFS in Forest Science from Harvard University and a PhD in Environmental Conservation from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Ed’s work focuses on the study and conservation of wildlands and intact forests, deer and moose interactions with forests, and forest history and long-term ecological change. Ed also advises conservation groups, educators, and land trusts about stewardship and forest monitoring and synthesizes and communicates ecological topics to the general public.

Corrie Folsom-O’Keefe, Director of Bird Conservation, Audubon Connecticut — Corrie Folsom-O’Keefe is the Director of Bird Conservation for Audubon CT. Corrie works out of Audubon’s Stratford Point office coordinating the organization’s bird science work with partners at Audubon NY. Her main focus is in on Audubon’s coastal and shorebird work. Corrie created the Wildlife Guards Program that offers high school students in Bridgeport and West Haven the opportunity to work at beaches during the summer protecting piping plovers and other beach nesting and shore birds. In her spare time she loves to fly.

Linda P. Francois, Esq., Partner, Cooper, Whitney & Francois — Attorney Francois received her undergraduate degree from the University of Connecticut as an honors scholar and her Juris Doctor with honors from the University of Connecticut. Her practice includes property law, closings, wills, trusts and probate, personal injury, collections, foreclosures, and evictions. Ms. Francois’ real estate practice includes a focus on natural and working lands preservation. She has represented landowners, land trusts and municipalities in land protection transactions, conservation restriction (easement) donations, bargain sales and purchases, and open space initiatives throughout Connecticut. Ms. Francois is the 2008 recipient of the Working Lands Alliance Farmland Preservation Pathfinder Award, 2003 Secretary of State’s Public Service Award, the 2005 Bethany Citizen of the Year Award and 1998 Bethany Conservationist of the Year Award. For over fifteen years, she has been a director and president of the Bethany Land Trust, Inc., and a director and officer of the Bethany Horsemen, Inc. riding organization.

Nicole Freidenfelds, Program Coordinator, Natural Resources Conservation Academy, Conservation Training Partnerships Program, Visiting Assistant Extension Educator at UConn — Nicole Freidenfelds is the Program Coordinator for NRCA’s Conservation Training Partnerships (CTP) program, and a Visiting Assistant Extension Educator. In her previous role as a research scientist, Nicole mainly focused on studying the behavior, ecology and evolution of amphibians and reptiles. Later, while teaching high school science for several years, she developed a genuine joy of working with youth. As CTP coordinator, Nicole is currently overseeing a wide range of unique and exciting conservation projects being conducted by teen-adult teams throughout the state.

Amanda Freund, Farmer, East Canaan, CT — Amanda is a 3rd generation farmer in East Canaan, CT. Her family farm has diversified to include 3 unique businesses: a dairy farm, a production facility manufacturing CowPots (biodegradable pots made from their cows’ composted manure), and a farm market with a bakery and garden center. Prior to returning to her family's farm, Amanda worked for a member of congress, with CT Farm Bureau and served as a Peace Corps
Volunteer in Zambia. She has traveled around the country speaking at women in agriculture conferences about diversification, sustainability and farming with family ([www.girlintheplaidshoes.com](http://www.girlintheplaidshoes.com)).

**Chelsea Gazillo, Director, Working Lands Alliance** – In her role as Program Director, Chelsea is responsible for directing all Working Lands Alliance activities, which include research and education, policy development, grassroots and direct advocacy, outreach and communications. Chelsea has a B.A. in International Affairs from Humboldt State University and a Masters degree from SIT Graduate Institute in Brattleboro, Vermont in Sustainable Development with an emphasis in Policy Advocacy and Analysis. Chelsea’s Master thesis focused on the development of an Urban Agricultural Land Trust in Bridgeport, CT.

**Eric Hammerling, Executive Director, Connecticut Forest & Park Association** — Eric Hammerling is the Executive Director of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association, the first conservation organization established in Connecticut (1895). Eric is responsible for CFPA’s budget, operations, and oversees its programs on Blue-Blazed Hiking Trails, Environmental Education, Land Conservation, and WalkCT. Eric is also the programmatic lead for CFPA’s state and federal advocacy efforts. Eric is a member of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council Board of Directors.

**Lisa Hageman, Co-President, Colchester Land Trust** — Lisa was a founding member of the Colchester Land Trust and has served on the Board since it was first incorporated in 2003, including the first eight years as president. Lisa's passion has been building relations with Colchester's landowners and in the process has helped facilitate the preservation of over 700 acres of forest and farmland. An avid trail runner, Lisa's favorite runs are out her back door in the beautiful Salmon River State forest.

**Karl Hasel, Board Member, Northern Connecticut Land Trust** — Karl serves as the Manager of Meetinghouse Hill LLC and is responsible for the Strong Farm preservation project. Karl is a retired aerospace engineer after 47 years with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. He has served on the Vernon Land Trust and Northern Ct Land Trust Boards since 1994, and is currently 2nd V.P. and Public Relations chair. He also is on the Vernon Open Space Task Force and consults with the Bolton Lakes Watershed Conservation activities. He resides in Manchester where he is on the Manchester Library Advisory Board and volunteers at the Lutz Children's Museum.

**Lisa Hayden, New England Forestry Foundation**

**J.T. Horn, Senior Project Manager, The Trust for Public Land** — J.T. Horn is a Senior Project Manager at The Trust for Public Land where he has worked since 2007. Prior to TPL, he spent 10 years as the New England Director at the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. His experience includes creating new community forests, conserving timberland, preserving farmland, and building citizen coalitions in support of conservation projects. J.T. is skilled at solving complex real estate problems that allow for landowners to receive a return on their investment and for communities to conserve lands important to their natural and cultural heritage and quality of life. His current portfolio covers the Northeastern United States.

**Dahr Jamail, Author, Journalist, and Mountaineer** — Dahr Jamail is an award-winning journalist and mountaineer who has been reporting on the climate crisis for the last decade. His book, *The End of Ice: Bearing Witness and Finding Meaning in the Path of Climate Disruption,* was recently listed as one of the Smithsonian Magazine's 10 Best Science Books of 2019. Among his many awards, he has won the Joe Callaway Award for Civic Courage, the Martha Gellhorn Prize, the Izzy Award, the James Aaronson Award for Social Justice Journalism, and five Project Censored awards. His love of mountains and their shrinking glaciers led him to research our climate catastrophe and to write *The End of Ice.* Read more about Dahr at [www.ctconservation.org](http://www.ctconservation.org)

**Bill Keaton, Professor of Forest Ecology and Forestry, University of Vermont (UVM)** — Bill Keaton is a Professor of Forest Ecology and Forestry at UVM’s Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources. He directs the UVM Carbon Dynamics Lab, is a Fellow in the Gund Institute for Environment, and chairs the International Union of Forest Research Organization’s Working Group on Old-Growth Forests and Reserves. Bill’s research is focused on forest carbon
dynamics and management, climate change impacts, ecologically-based forestry, forest-stream interactions, and forest biodiversity.

Kip Kolesinskas, Consulting Conservation Scientist, Connecticut Farmland Trust — Kip’s current projects include assisting agencies, NGO’s, and private individuals with farmland protection, land access and affordability for new and beginning farmers, farmland restoration, and climate change adaptation strategies. Formerly USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service State Soil Scientist for Connecticut, Kip worked with farmers, educators, government and nonprofits to help them protect farmland and wetlands, and use soils information to make better informed land use decisions.

Katharine Lange, Sandy Breslin Conservation Fellow, Connecticut Land Conservation Council — Katharine joined CLCC in November 2018 as the first Sandy Breslin Conservation Fellow. She assists with advocacy efforts to advance conservation legislation at the Capitol, including outreach to municipalities and land trusts. Katharine is pursuing her Master’s of Public Administration with a concentration in Environmental Policy at the University of Connecticut. She has interned for the House Democrats in Hartford, the Humanities Institute in Storrs, and Social Entrepreneur Corps in Ecuador. Katharine grew up in Lebanon, Connecticut, before attending the University of Connecticut, where she graduated with a Bachelor’s in Political Science and Human Rights in 2018. In her free time, she enjoys live music and hiking around New England.

Tom Lautzenheiser, Central/Western Regional Scientist, Mass Audubon — Tom Lautzenheiser is Mass Audubon’s Central/Western Regional Scientist and is responsible for guiding ecological management planning for the organization’s 35,000-acre wildlife sanctuary network. He received his bachelor’s degrees in biology and environmental studies from Tufts University and his master’s degree in natural resource planning/ ecological planning from the University of Vermont.

Lucianne Lavin, Director of Research and Collections, Institute for American Indian Studies Museum & Research Center — Lucianne Lavin is Director of Research and Collections at the Institute for American Indian Studies, a museum and research and educational center in Washington, CT. She is an anthropologist & archaeologist who has over 40 years of research and field experience in Northeastern archaeology and anthropology. She received her M.A. and Ph.D. in anthropology from New York University and her B.A. from Indiana University. Dr. Lavin has written over 150 professional publications and technical reports on the archaeology and ethnohistory of the Northeast. Her award-winning book, *Connecticut’s Indigenous Peoples: What Archaeology, History and Oral Traditions Teach Us about their Communities and Cultures*, was recently published by Yale University Press (Spring 2013).

Lucy Lee, Research Assistant, Harvard Forest — Lucy Lee is a research and outreach assistant at Harvard Forest. As a research assistant, Lucy works to understand New England’s protected lands. Her outreach work is dedicated to the New England Landscape Futures Explorer, a map and scenario based land-use planning and conservation tool. Lucy has a master's degree in Geographic Information Science from Clark University, and currently lives in north central Massachusetts.

Jon Leibowitz, Executive Director, Northeast Wilderness Trust — Jon earned a Masters in Environmental Law and Policy and a Juris Doctor from Vermont Law School. Prior to his time at Northeast Wilderness Trust, he was the Executive Director of the Montezuma Land Conservancy in Cortez, Colorado. During his time in Colorado, he protected over 13,000 acres of farms, ranches, and habitat for species such as elk and Gunnison sage-grouse. He lives in Middlesex, Vermont, with his wife and son and serves on the board of Vermont Parks Forever.

Lorin Leisenfelt, President, Red Rover Creative Studio — Lorin Liesenfelt’s organization has designed and promoted, pro-bono, the development of the Sunflower Project to the community and has been key to getting the important message of building pollinator pathways to the agricultural rural community.
Robert T. Leverett, Co-Founder, Native Tree Society — Bob Leverett is a nationally known old-growth forest expert and author of the Sierra Club Guide to Ancient Forests of the Northeast. He is a co-founder of the Native Tree Society and a co-founder and president of the Friends of Mohawk Trail State Forest. Bob serves as senior advisor for the American Forests National Champion Tree Program and chairman of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation Forest Reserves Scientific Advisory Committee. He is a central organizer of the Ancient Eastern Forests Conference series. He has explored, discovered, measured, and documented remnant eastern old-growth forests for over forty years.

Jared Lockwood, Member, Native Tree Society — Jared Lockwood is a botanist, amateur drone photographer, and big-tree-measuring enthusiast. As a dutiful member of the Native Tree Society and American Forests’ National Cadre of Tree Measurers, he combs the woods of Massachusetts and beyond in search of exceptional woody plants to document through precise measurements and photographs.

Connie Manes, Manes Consulting LLC; Executive Director, Kent Land Trust; Manager Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative — Based in Kent, Connie provides organizational assessment, strategic planning, and policy development services to nonprofit conservation organizations throughout the northeast, with a specific focus on Land Trust Standards & Practices and land trust accreditation. Since 2013 she has served as a Land Trust Alliance Circuit Rider providing direct assistance to all-volunteer land trusts. Connie is the part-time Executive Director of the Kent Land Trust, an accredited land trust, and the Manager of the Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative, a Regional Conservation Partnership of 33 conservation organizations in northwest Connecticut. She was named to the 14-member Standards Advisory Team providing support in the 2016-2017 initiative to revise Land Trust Standards & Practices, and consulted with the Land Trust Accreditation Commission in coordinating requirements and application materials to the 2017 Revisions. She holds a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Pace University and a Juris Doctorate from New York University School of Law. Connie chairs the Advisory Council of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council Kent’s Conservation Commission. In her remaining free time she can be found at the hockey rink with her three young sons, running or hiking, or searching for critters in local streams.

Nancy Marek, Ph.D. Candidate, UConn — Nancy Marek received a B.A. degree in biology from Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, and a Master of Forest Science degree from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, New Haven, CT. She is currently a fourth-year Ph.D. student at the University of Connecticut, Storrs. Her research centers on using drone imagery to map and monitor non-native invasive plants in the deciduous forest understory.

Susan Masino, Ph.D., Vernon Roosa Professor of Applied Science, Trinity College — Susan Masino, Ph.D. is the Vernon Roosa Professor of Applied Science at Trinity College. She recently completed a year-long Charles Bullard Fellowship at Harvard Forest in collaboration with Harvard Medical School. She is also the Hartford County Coordinator for the Old Growth Forest Network, Legislative Liaison for the Connecticut State Grange, a member of the Simsbury Grange, and the Town of Simsbury Open Space Commission.

Annette Montoya, Landscape Designer, Farmer, and Naturalist — Annette Montoya is a landscape designer, farmer, and naturalist. She’s also a veteran, which allowed her to pursue a degree from UConn in “Landscape Design for Cognitive Development.” This is an individualized major which takes a multi-disciplinary approach to creating gardens for children, integrating horticulture, landscape architecture, and developmental and cognitive psychology. Annette received a grant from UConn to build a cognitive garden on the Avery Point Campus. She has gone on to start her own company, Pieceful Connections, specializing in cognitive gardens for children and gardens for increased cognitive functioning, especially for those with cognitive impairments such as PTSD, TBI, anxiety and depression.

Elisabeth Moore, Executive Director, Connecticut Farmland Trust — Elisabeth Moore is Executive Director of Connecticut Farmland Trust (CFT), the only statewide land trust dedicated to permanently protecting Connecticut’s working family farms. Prior to being promoted to executive director, she was CFT’s Director of Conservation and closed on 32 easement deals totaling 2,353 acres. Prior to joining CFT, Moore worked for the Trust for Public Land in New
Haven, where she protected over 800 acres of critical farm, forest, historic and environmentally sensitive lands. As a project manager, she raised $1.8 million in public and private funds and managed a referendum campaign for a $2 million a municipal open space fund. Moore is on the Committee for Working Lands Alliance (since 2006), City Seed Board of Directors (since 2012), Watershed Fund Board of Directors (since 2004), and Connecticut Land Conservation Council Advisory Council (since 2014) before recently joining CLCC’s Board of Directors. She earned an A.B. cum laude from Bowdoin College and a Master of Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina with a concentration in land use and environmental planning.

David Morgan, President & CEO, TEAM, Inc.

Jameelah Muhammad, Urban Farmer, CT Roundtable on Climate & Jobs — Jameelah was hired by the Sierra Club in 2015 as an Organizing Representative for the Electric Vehicles Initiative in Massachusetts and Connecticut and became particularly active with the EV Coalition in Connecticut. In late 2016, she became an Organizing Manager, providing supervisory support for grassroots organizers in several east coast states, including in the Northeast. Currently, her work involves organizing strategies in New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Connecticut, Maryland, and North Carolina working on the Beyond Coal, Beyond Dirty Fuels, and Ready for 100 (100% Renewable Energy) campaigns in those states. She is also an Adjunct Lecturer, teaching Green Building and Construction courses for Capital Community College in Hartford, CT. Jameelah holds a dual B.S. in Biology and Environmental Health from Oakland University and her M.A. is in Labor Studies from The City University of New York. As an alumnus of the Green for All Fellowship Program, her climate justice work has included travel to Bolivia, South Africa, and Qatar to work on community-based solutions to environmental and community economic issues. Previously, she has worked on organizing campaigns and projects in New York City as the Community Program Coordinator at the Center for Sustainable Energy at CUNY, where she focused on green building, green job training, and green economy initiatives for the city of New York.

Kailyn Murphy, Development Administrator, Joshua’s Trust — Kailyn is the Development Administrator at Joshua’s Trust, a regional land trust based in Mansfield, Connecticut. Since joining the Joshua’s Trust team, Kailyn has revitalized the development and social media practices at the Trust. Though she may be new to land conservation she has worked with other small businesses and non-profits to improve communications. Prior to her work in land conservation, Kailyn was an educator with an MS in Global and International Education.

Rick Newton, Board Member, Avalonia Land Conservancy — Rick Newton is a resident of Mystic, CT for 61 years and has an MBA in finance. Rick retired from finance department of a major defense contractor assisting in financial management of engineering contracts. He is an amateur wildlife photographer with photos used by Avalonia Land Conservancy, Connecticut Land Conservation Council, Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center and The Nature Conservancy (Connecticut) promoting conservation. Rick is the Coordinator of Project Limulus (a study of the ecology of the Long Island Sound horseshoe crab population) for the Groton / Stonington area and is a volunteer for FrogWatch USA and Osprey Nation. Rick is a current board of directors member and past treasurer of Avalonia Land Conservancy and served on Avalonia’s development, stewardship, and Stonington town committees. Rick is the Chairperson of the Town of Stonington Climate Change Task Force, and a member of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council Advisory Council.

Will O’Meara, CT Field Agent, Land For Good — Will currently serves as assistant farm manager at Waldingfield Farm in Washington CT as well as the CT Field Agent for Land For Good. He received his bachelor’s degree in Sustainable Food and Farming from UMass Amherst, where he spent his time on the UMass Student Farm crew while also soaking up as much knowledge and experience as he could at the many farms of the Pioneer Valley. Will serves on the Steering Committee of The New CT Farmer Alliance, a chapter of the National Young Farmers Coalition that brings Connecticut’s beginning farmers together to identify and advocate around common challenges and opportunities.

Anne-Sophie Pagé, Environmental Activist and Veterinary Student — Anne-Sophie Pagé joins us from the distant shores of Aotearoa New Zealand. Having worked with wildlife for the majority of her life, including the magnificent royal albatross and some of the rarest species of penguins on Earth, she will join us to share her unique perspective and
insights regarding the current health of our planet. At 22 years old, there are two priorities in Anne-Sophie’s life. The first is fostering emotional connections between individuals and the environment in the hope of developing a holistic sense of **kaitiakitanga** (guardianship) in the face of climate change. The second, using her knowledge as a soon-to-be veterinarian to assist in mitigating the biodiversity crisis. In recent years, Anne-Sophie has sailed the Pacific with a team of revolutionary scientists monitoring the state of our oceans in conjunction with the Sir Peter Blake Trust and Tara Ocean Foundation. She has sat with world leaders and voiced her concerns at the APEC Summit in Vietnam and at the United Nations in New York. In addition, Anne-Sophie is a recipient of the Enderby Scholarship, chosen to advocate for one of the most isolated corners of the world: the Sub-Antarctic Islands. She currently sits on the New Zealand UNESCO Youth Reference Panel, is the Advocacy Coordinator for the Manawatū branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society and is serving a three year term on the New Zealand Conservation Board where she advises the Minister of Conservation on environmental issues. Anne-Sophie is a published writer, accomplished photographer and videographer and has worked as a wildlife guide for the past six years, all whilst managing her university studies. To learn more about her environmental experiences and perspectives view her website: [www.greenangst.com](http://www.greenangst.com)

**Amy Blaymore Paterson, Executive Director, Connecticut Land Conservation Council** — Amy Blaymore Paterson joined the Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC) in 2010 as its first Executive Director. Working with the CLCC Board of Directors and Advisory Council, Amy provides the Connecticut conservation community with technical assistance, training and advocacy to further advance permanent land conservation across the state. Before joining CLCC, Amy served as a Project Manager for The Trust for Public Land and worked for over twenty years as an attorney, concentrating her practice in land preservation and environmental protection.

**Andrea Peres, Outreach Specialist, ERWSCC** — Andrea is an environmental advocate focused on local conservation and climate action through community engagement. She currently serves as the Marketing and Outreach Coordinator for Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development (CT RC&D), and Outreach Specialist and Web Designer for the Eightmile Wild and Scenic Watershed. Andrea holds a B. Sc. in Environmental Studies from the University of Connecticut.

**Edith Pestana, Administrator, CT DEEP Environmental Justice Program**

**Joyce Purcell, Assistant State Conservationist-Programs, USDA NRCS** — Joyce Purcell received a B.S. in Plant Science from the University of Connecticut. Joyce has over thirty years of professional experience in a number of soil conservation positions in Connecticut. She is currently program manager for the Conservation, Stewardship, and Easement Programs. Having come from a farm family her interest in farming, particularly locally grown agricultural products, complements many USDA agricultural preservation, viability and sustainability initiatives.

**Catherine Rawson, Executive Director, Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust** — Catherine Rawson is the executive director of Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust, chair of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council, commissioner of the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, council member of the Land Trust Alliance Conservation Defense Advisory Council, and a Greenprint Steering Committee member. A graduate of Bates College and Vermont Law School, where she studied environmental law, Catherine also has a master’s degree in environmental management from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Prior to joining Weantinoge, she served as an assistant attorney general for the State of Connecticut.

**Richard Roberts, Esq., Hallaron & Sage, LLP** — A partner at Hallaron & Sage, LLP, Rich’s practice areas include corporate Business & Transactions, Environmental & Land Use, Municipal & State Government and Real Estate. He is a member of the executive committee of the Planning and Zoning Law Section of the Connecticut Bar Association, a member of the Connecticut, Maine and New Hampshire Bar Associations, and a member of the Connecticut Association of Municipal Attorneys. He actively participates in the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, the Connecticut Council of Small Towns, and the Connecticut Town & City Management Association. He is also a member of the steering committee of
the Working Lands Alliance, a statewide coalition devoted to the preservation of farmland in Connecticut, and of the faculty and advisory committee of the Land Use Academy of UConn’s Center for Land Use Education and Research.

Roger Salway, Economic Development Coordinator, Town of North Branford — Roger Salway is part-time Economic Development Coordinator for the Town of North Branford, a rural CT community. The North Branford Economic Development Commission launched a Destination North Branford program to encourage community engagement and build pollinator pathways that included an all-volunteer Sunflower Project. Roger's background includes an international career with Deere & Co and non-profit leadership in developing simple agricultural devices for remote rural communities in Africa and Asia.

Gustavo Requena Santos, COEEA Board Member — I am a field ecologist who advocates for the importance of critical thinking as a crucial tool for advancements in education, citizen engagement, and social transformation. My passion for nature and science, and my 15 years of experience in research and education have motivated me to help bridging the gap between academia and conservation organizations. I am particularly interested in using outdoor education and other non-formal programs to promote science literacy, where audiences of any age and background can learn not only about the natural world around them, but also experience the scientific method by doing science themselves.

David Sargent, President, North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT) — As President of NBLCT, Dave has been instrumental in building awareness for land conservation in the North Branford community. Under David's leadership significant expansion of land trust activities has been achieved including close partnership with the Town of North Branford.

Cathy Shea, Co-President, Colchester Land Trust — Cathy has served on the Board of the accredited Colchester Land Trust in several roles since 2007. She has served as Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Coordinator and currently shares the Presidency with Lisa Hageman. She has organized the CLT’s annual Salmon River 5.5 Mile Run fundraiser for the past 14 years and represents the interests of CLT with respect to various initiatives and collaborations in Colchester, including the children’s StoryWalk at Cohen Woodlands and Colchester’s Community Wildlife Habitat designation.

Sarah Shrewsbury, Principal, Vineyard Consulting — Sarah Shrewsbury, principal of Vineyard Consulting, has helped numerous nonprofits throughout the northeast to start or enhance their major gift fundraising programs and organize and execute capital campaigns. Prior to starting Vineyard Consulting, Sarah served as a major gift Development Officer for 23 years at Yale University (13 years- including three years at Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies), Mystic Seaport, The Nature Conservancy of CT and AmeriCares. During her years as a practitioner, she raised tens of millions of dollars and participated in two, billion-dollar campaigns. For lists of services, consulting clients and career highlights, please visit www.vineyard-consulting.com

Jim Sirch, Education Coordinator, Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History — Jim Sirch is the Education Coordinator at the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History. Jim was past president and is currently on the board of the Hamden Land Conservation Trust. He also was co-founder of the Southern New England Herpetological Association and helped establish the Connecticut Amphibian Monitoring Project, which monitored amphibians on 15 sites across the state. Jim started a chapter of FrogWatch USA, a citizen science program that tracks frog populations through call surveys. Jim is known to hundreds of science teachers across the state through his professional development activities at the Museum.

Charles Stebbins, Board Member, Connecticut Audubon Society — Retired Managing Director at JP Morgan, CT Audubon Society Board Member, Chairman, Sanctuary Committee. Avid land restoration advocate: pollinator and native plant restoration projects in Westport and Fairfield.

Ashley Stewart, Equity Coach, Sustainable CT, Environmental Planner, Town of Bloomfield — Ashley is a civil engineer with 10 years of experience specializing in water management and infrastructure. Her expertise spans the gamut of water management: distribution, storage, discharge and flood planning. She has distinct experience in environmental
planning, permitting, funding, negotiation, construction management, community engagement and leadership experience. Ashley is a trained race dialog facilitator and has served as an Equity Coach for Sustainable CT since April 2019. Ashley has served the State of Connecticut in many ways, supporting municipal planning, protecting the state through management of dams, and through community outreach and engagement. Ashley grew up in and loves Connecticut and works with towns to implement equity into their sustainability goals and projects. Ashley is currently a graduate student at Yale’s School of Forestry and Environmental Studies conducting research around equity and environmental decision making for the Black community. Ashley lives in Manchester, CT. In her spare time she enjoys experiencing cultures through food, mentoring teens, and creating weekend adventures with her family.

Karen Strong, Principal, Strong Outcomes, LLC — Karen started Strong Outcomes LLC, a consulting company that helps organizations use outcome-based thinking to reach their goals. She is deeply committed to science-based decision-making and evaluation yet believes that conservation will have limited success unless we can successfully work with people. Over her career, she has built capacity to conserve natural resources in dozens of communities and organizations and is always thinking about how we can make conservation more relevant to more people.

Lindsay Suhr, Land Conservation Director, Connecticut Forest & Park Association (CFPA) — After graduating from Connecticut College with a degree in Environmental Science, Lindsay worked for the Iowa Conservation Corps where she focused on timber stand improvements and prescribed burning. She then moved back to Connecticut and worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, conducting research in a threatened and endangered bird colony on Faulkner Island in Guilford. Before her current position as CFPA’s Land Conservation Director, she also worked as the Land Stewardship Manager for the Greenwich Land Trust, focused on land acquisitions, meadow restorations, and invasive species removal. Lindsay loves the outdoors and enjoys playing basketball, running, and spending time with her family.

David Sutherland, Director of Government Relations, The Nature Conservancy CT Chapter — David has been the Director of Government Relations with the Nature Conservancy’s Connecticut Chapter for the past 25 years, and has been the co-leader of the Chapter’s Diversity and Inclusion initiative for the past three years. He is a member of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council’s Advisory Council.

Ana Paula Tavares, Executive Director, Audubon Connecticut — Serving as the Executive Director to Audubon New York and Audubon Connecticut, and senior advisor to International Alliances Program, Ms. Tavares comes to Audubon after 18 years at Rainforest Alliance. In addition to her tenure at Rainforest Alliance, Tavares is a member of the International Olympics Committee Legacy and Sustainability Commission and serves on numerous environmental boards. Ana Paula believes that saving birds’ lives and the places we all need is inspiring and urgent, and is excited to be leading forest, coastal, and urban conservation work on-the-ground while educating the next generation of conservationists in New York and Connecticut.

Elaine Thomas, Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Mohegan Tribe — Elaine Thomas is a Mohegan tribal member who grew up in Uncasville, Connecticut on the border of the original Mohegan Reservation. Today she works for the Mohegan Tribal Government as the Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer to promote and maintain preservation through research and education. She also serves as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Coordinator for her Tribe, aiding in repatriation efforts for the return of ancestors and sacred items to their homeland. She oversees archaeological investigations on tribal lands, collaborates on museum exhibits and facilitates the curation of Mohegan artifacts in the Tribe’s extensive collections.

Chuck Toal, Development and Program Director, Avalonia Land Conservancy, Vice-Chair, Connecticut Land Conservation Council — Chuck serves as the Avalonia Land Conservancy development and programs director. He and his wife, Deb, moved to Noank, Connecticut, in 2013 after 30 years of living in Colchester. He retired in 2015 as eastern director of sales for Wigwam Mills, Inc., to spend time with family and pursue his passion for land conservation. A founding board member of the Colchester Land Trust, Chuck served as its vice president for six years and chaired the Accreditation and Funding Committees. He is currently vice chair of the Board for the Connecticut Land Conservation Council.
Council. Chuck is an avid fly fisherman (having fished the rivers of 30 states) and he and Deb have two grown sons and four grandkids.

**Andrea Urbano, Service Forester, CT DEEP** — Andrea Urbano is a Service Forester for Connecticut’s Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. As such, she supports private and municipal woodland owners by conducting outreach and education, informational property visits, and providing land management recommendations. She is a program partner with multiple natural resource organizations and is a statewide resource for CT’s forest land taxation program and natural resource professionals. Andrea came to the State from the private sector, as a Christmas tree farmer and consultant forester. She received her B.S. in Environmental Conservation and her M.S. in Forestry, specializing in carbon forestry and climate science.

**Emmett Varricchio, Co-Chair, Steering Committee, Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG)** — Emmett Varricchio is a graduate of Central Connecticut State University where he received his BS in Biology in 2014. He worked at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) from 2014 through 2018. At CAES he worked primarily on the Mile-a-Minute Biological Control program and implementation. He gave a talk on the program at the 2016 CIPWG Symposium. He currently works as a researcher for a private company. He is an active member of CIPWG and serves on both the Steering Committee and the Symposium Planning Committee. In his spare time Emmett enjoys photography, writing, hiking, and enjoying nature. He also conducts independent research on various topics; entomology, botany, and climate. He hopes to pursue his PhD in the coming year with an emphasis on Invasive Plants, once he finds the right university and mentor.

**John Volin, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, UConn Office of the Provost, Professor, Department of Natural Resources and the Environment** — John Volin is the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Office of the Provost, and Professor, Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, at UConn. John is a plant physiological ecologist and has worked in ecosystems around the world, focusing his research efforts on invasive species ecology and restoration ecology. In 2010, John founded the Natural Resources Conservation Academy.

**Ailla Wasstrom-Evans, Esq., Attorney, Prue Law Group, P.C.** — Ailla Wasstrom-Evans is an attorney with the Prue Law Group PC. Her practice areas include Land Conservation Law, Estate Planning, and Real Estate Law. Her passion is land conservation and in furtherance thereof, she represents both land trusts and landowners in conservation deals. Ailla is a member of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council Model Conservation Easement Working Group and was a major contributor in the development of the Revised Model Conservation Easement. She is an eastern Connecticut native, having grown up in Brooklyn, CT.

**Anne Westerman, Board Member and Past President, Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust** — Anne Westerman has been on the Board of Directors at Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust in Woodbury, CT for 20 years. She served as President for 10 of those years, specialized in financial accountability for the land trust, and still sits on the Finance and Investment committee. Anne came to Flanders with a masters degree in Business, so she gravitates toward these skills. As part of research for Land Trust Accreditation, and as a personal project, she reviewed Flanders' history of restricted donations and documented them for perpetuity.

**Emily Wilson, Geospatial Specialist, UConn CLEAR** — Emily Wilson is a Geospatial Educator at the University of Connecticut Center for Land Use and Research. She has been with UConn for 20 years and is involved in a variety of remote sensing and GIS projects, as well as internet mapping work with the goal of providing easy access to geospatial information and maps. Emily is the chief person responsible for CT ECO, the state’s one-stop website for geospatial information and maps about Connecticut’s natural resources.

**Chandi Witharana, Assistant Research Professor, UConn** — Chandi Witharana is an Assistant Research Professor at the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, University of Connecticut. His research lab involves interdisciplinary remote sensing research with high international visibility, speaking equally to the transformational uses
of remote sensing in environmental, industrial, agricultural, and humanitarian applications. He earned his PhD and MS degrees from the University of Connecticut. He was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the SUNY Stony Brook.

Patricia Young, Program Director, ERWSCC — Patricia Young serves as the Program Manager for both the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Watershed and the Salmon River Watershed. She has held previous positions with both Eastern and North Central Conservation Districts and also worked in municipal land-use with the towns of Waterford, Madison, Coventry and Old Lyme. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Natural Resource Management and a Master of Science Degree in Environmental Education. She currently serves as a member on CT SeaGrant Advisory Council, CT River Coastal Conservation District and Senator Murphy’s CT Conservation Advisory Council. Her favorite thing is to provide opportunities for community members to experience their local streams and preserved lands.