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MARCH CONFERENCE - SPEAKER LINEUP

We are very pleased to announce the full speaker line-up for the March conference. There will be eight different presentations, all having to do with soil carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation. We have speakers coming from many different angles and perspectives including scientific research, policy/regulatory frameworks, and regenerative agriculture. Registration is open -- get your ticket today!

- **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Rattan Lal** is an entrepreneur, a distinguished university professor, and a globally renowned soil scientist. Currently, Lal is the Director of the CFAES Rattan Lal Center for Carbon Management and Sequestration at the Ohio State University. Dr. Lal received the Glinka World Soil Prize in 2018, the World Food Prize in 2020, the Good Will Ambassador of IICA in 2020, and the Padma Shri Award in 2021.
- **Gillian Davies and Keith Zaltzberg-Drezdahl (BSC Group):** Making it happen: Three case studies for increasing soil carbon storage and fighting climate change
- **Emily Cole and Julie Fine (American Farmland Trust):** Advancing Farmer Adoption of Regenerative Agriculture
- **Hillary Sullivan (Woodwell Climate Research Center):** The impact of runelling as a hydrologic restoration strategy on salt marsh carbon decomposition
- **Stacy Minihane (Beals & Thomas Inc.):** Soil Carbon Sequestration in the Massachusetts Regulatory Framework
- **Kaitlin Farbotnik and Joshua Beniston (USDA):** Improving soil health for urban agriculture by managing soil carbon
- **David Aiken (University of Nebraska):** Ag Carbon Credits
- **Meagan Eagle (USGS):** Impact of historic hydrologic manipulation and recent restoration on coastal wetland soil carbon

SOIL CARBON STORAGE:
COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE
FROM THE GROUND UP



Register Today!

MARCH 25, 2022
9AM-3PM EST

VIRTUAL WINTER CONFERENCE

JOIN OUR PHOTO CONTEST!

Southern New England has it all: rocky coasts, sandy beaches, salt marshes, woodlands, urban landscapes, fields and flowers, ponds, lakes, rivers... We are looking for some original photos from community members who love and appreciate the natural landscape and beauty of MA, RI, and CT. We will be showcasing the winning photos on our new and improved website, social media, and other marketing materials. Email high-quality images to info@swcssnec.org with "2022 Photo Contest" as the subject line. Include your name, photo location, and a brief (1-2 sentence) summary of the photo. Winners will be announced at our March conference! The deadline for submission is **Wednesday, March 23, 2022**.



MEET OUR SPRING 2022 UMASS INTERNS

TRISTA DEARSTYNE

Hi my name is Trista Dearstyne and I am from Pittsfield, MA. I am an Environmental Science major also minoring in Biology and Philosophy. I like being a part of SNEC because I love planning events such as the Winter Conference coming up and I'm glad to have experience working with community outreach programs.



JENNIFER GRIFFIN

Hi! My name is Jennifer Griffin and I am from Holden, MA. I am a senior at UMass Amherst studying Natural Resources Conservation and Sustainable Food and Farming. I like being a part of SNEC because it has been a great opportunity to learn about the inner workings of a non-profit while also getting exposure to many interesting experiences.



MICHAEL CHERKASKY

Hi, I am Michael Cherkasky and I am from Brookline, MA. I go to school at UMass Amherst, where my major is environmental science. I like being an intern here at SNEC because the effort that everyone around me puts in is motivating.





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JULY 31-AUG 3 | DENVER, CO

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE!



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WWW.SWCS.ORG/22AC

The awards program of the Soil and Water Conservation Society is designed to recognize individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions in advocating the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources. Visit <https://www.swcs.org/resources/awards-and-scholarships/> to view the list of awards and to submit a nomination. Nominations may be made by SWCS members and nonmembers for all awards. The award nomination deadline is April 14, 2022. Recipients will be announced at the SWCS summer conference. Contact awards@swcs.org with questions.

JOIN OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lend your voice and experience and join the SNEC Board of Directors for a 3-year term! We are seeking an individual **residing or working in Connecticut or Massachusetts** who is interested in participating in monthly virtual board meetings, helping to manage membership outreach, and collaborating with the Executive Director to coordinate our annual events. Are you interested or do you know of a colleague who might be? Please reach out and tell us why you would be a good fit. Email info@swcssnec.org for more info or visit our website: <https://swcssnec.org/join-the-board-of-directors/>



Upcoming Events

Science Communication Training

March
8 & 23

How to Explain Science, Share Data, and Build Trust:
Presentation Skills for Scientists and Public Officials
Two Day - Online Training

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March
10

Renewable Energy Conference

Northeast Energy and Commerce Association
One Day - Online Training

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April
3-5

North East Fish & Wildlife Conference

The Power of Partnerships for Landscape Level Planning
Three Days, In Person - Long Branch, New Jersey

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Funding Opportunities

The 2022 Farm Transition Grant (FTG) is now available at www.CTGrown.gov/grants. Applications will be accepted until March 8, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. The 2022 program will again provide matching funds to Connecticut farmers and agricultural cooperatives for the diversification of existing farm operations, transitioning to value-added agricultural production and sales, and other venues in which a majority of products sold are grown in the state.

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) promotes coordination of NRCS conservation activities with partners that offer value-added contributions to expand our collective ability to address on-farm, watershed, and regional natural resource concerns. Through RCPP, NRCS seeks to co-invest with partners to implement projects that demonstrate innovative solutions to conservation challenges and provide measurable improvements and outcomes tied to the resource concerns they seek to address. [Read the RCPP Fact Sheet \(PDF, 542 KB\)](#).

JOB POSTINGS

Connecticut Fish and Wildlife / DEEP Wildlife Division

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Job Title: Seasonal Resource Assistants

Location: Vernon, CT, Belding Wildlife Management Area

Apply by: March 31, 2022

"This is a great opportunity to work outside and learn about a wide variety of Connecticut's wildlife, and also get hands-on experience managing their habitats. These positions will directly support the management of habitats of Belding WMA; maintenance of the grounds including interpretive trails; educational programs; and species monitoring."

Mass Audubon

Job Title: Great Marsh Biological Technician

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Location: Newburyport, MA, Joppa Flats

"Mass Audubon, in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is seeking a Great Marsh Biological Technician to help with a variety of ecological projects at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge and surrounding marsh within the 20,000 acre Great Marsh in northeast Massachusetts. The Technician will be responsible for a community-based invasive control project, currently in its 16th year; and a portfolio of marsh restoration projects being implemented by Mass Audubon and USFWS."

Beals & Thomas, Inc.

Job Title: Survey Technician

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Location: Southborough, MA

"We are currently seeking a Survey Technician to routinely perform research, calculation, deed and easement analysis, record data compilation and CAD drafting under the direct supervision of the Professional Land Surveyor (PLS). Beals + Thomas offers a highly competitive salary, and a comprehensive benefits package including company-sponsored health and dental insurance, long-term and short-term disability insurance, and 2X annual salary life insurance. Also included are paid sick time, holidays and vacation days, plus a 401(k) plan with company match."

INTERNSHIPS

Soil and Water Conservation Society

Internship Title: Student Leader Project Intern

Location: Virtual

Apply by: March 5, 2022

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"The Soil and Water Conservation Society, in partnership with Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees, is looking for an intern to assist us in the operations and logistics of the 76th SWCS International Annual Conference and development of a nonprofit program. Intern tasks may include resource creation and design, communications support, market research, website, Facebook and other media editing, logistical support for executing an annual conference, assisting with various administrative tasks, and more."

The Orleans Conservation Trust (OCT)

Internship Title: Summer 2022 Internship

Location: Orleans, MA

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"The intern will work directly with staff to advance the mission of OCT through a variety of land management and stewardship activities. They will assist with land management needs and report to OCT's Director of Land Stewardship. The intern can expect to be involved with property inspections and maintenance, long and short-term land management planning, habitat management, property documentation, and volunteer engagement."

Advertise with SNEC

Does your company or organization have any upcoming jobs, events, internships, or funding opportunities?

We can help you publicize and spread the word! Email info@swcssnec.org with details to be featured in our next newsletter and/or on our social media pages.



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