

Bard Center for Environmental Policy

CONTINUING EDUCATION JANUARY COURSE

Managing Private Lands For Conservation

January Intensive Short Course offered at Bard College

ABOUT

This course is being offered as part of Bard CEP's January term for our masters students. A limited number of spaces are open to the public. Classes are held on the Bard College campus. The course is not offered for credit, though participants receive a certificate of completion. **To learn more, and to register, please visit www.bard.edu/cep.**

LEAD INSTRUCTOR

Judith Anderson of Community Consultants has worked in the land trust sector for over 20 years. Judy currently assists nonprofit organizations on practical strategic conservation initiatives incorporating local communities, climate change, governance, communications and community-based outreach and fundraising strategies.



Judith Anderson of Community Consultants

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Week I. Land Trusts: Understanding Key Strategies

January 17th-20th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost \$300

Learn key elements of running a successful land protection program and how to build greater community support for conservation and your land trust. We'll cover different land trusts' insights on conservation easement programs, owning and managing land in fee, enhancing your outreach and communications, and developing a monitoring program for conservation easements.

Week II. Climate Change Impacts and Land Trusts

January 24th-26th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost \$300

By 2070, NY is likely to have the temperature of NC. What is the forecast, and how does a rapidly warming world affect strategies for land conservation? Learn what other land trusts doing about climate change and how you can adjust your conservation work to a new reality.

GUEST LECTURERS

Judy Boshoven, Defenders of Wildlife
Jane Calvin, Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust
Sara Gordon, Peconic Land Trust
Gary Lovett, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies
Seth McKee, Scenic Hudson Land Trust
Andy Pitz, Natural Lands Trust
Katrina Shindledecker M.S. '06, Hudson Highlands Land Trust
John Winter, Woodstock Land Conservancy

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Sara Gordon Conservation Planning Project Manager, Peconic Land Trust

Sara Gordon has been a conservation planning project manager since 2007 at Peconic Land Trust, established in 1983 to conserve Long Island's working farms, natural lands and heritage. Sara is a certified planner (AICP) and LEED Accredited Professional, a certified presenter for The Climate Reality Project, and serves on Peconic Land Trust's public policy committee. She co-presented two workshops on climate change and conservation easements at the 2011 national Land Trust Alliance conference, and presents to the wider community upon request on climate change science and solutions.



Andrew Pitz Vice President of Strategic Policy and Planning, Natural Lands Trust

D. Andrew Pitz is the Vice President of Strategic Policy and Planning at the Natural Lands Trust (NLT). Andrew has dedicated over 25 years to NLT, where he has overseen the preparation and execution of strategic plans, protection programs, and stewardship plans for hundreds of projects. Before joining NLT, Pitz was a project manager in a consulting design firm, and a landscape architect with the U.S. Forest Service. Pitz was President and a Founding Board Member of the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association, and has been a member of the Pennsylvania Greenways Partnership Commission and the National Land Trust Council of the Land Trust Alliance. Pitz does research and public lectures on the relationship between land conservation and climate change. In January 2007, he received intensive training conducted by The Climate Project and subsequently has given over 70 climate lectures in twelve states. Pitz received an A.B. in Government from Cornell University and his M.L.A. from SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry.



Judy Boshoven Living Lands Manager, Defenders of Wildlife

Judy Boshoven is the Manager of the Living Lands program, an initiative aimed at connecting land trusts to financial and technical resources to better conserve high priority native species and habitats and restore and manage native habitats for long-term benefit. Over the past year, she has provided workshops to over 100 land trust participants on how to incorporate climate change strategies into their land conservation activities. Formerly the Executive Director at the Yolo Land Trust in California, Judy oversaw easement and fee-title acquisition of lands protected for their agricultural and habitat conservation values. Prior to this, she worked for Audubon California as the founding Director of the Landowner Stewardship Program, where she assisted private landowners in creating and restoring habitat on their properties, including wetlands, riparian habitats, oak woodlands, and grasslands. Judy has her undergraduate degree in Landscape Architecture from University of California Davis, and she has her Masters in Urban Planning from MIT.



Seth McKee Land Conservation Director, Scenic Hudson

Seth McKee is the Land Conservation Director for Scenic Hudson, Inc., based in Poughkeepsie, New York. He has led the Hudson's Land Acquisition Team since 2007. Since joining Scenic Hudson in 1991, Seth has conserved thousands of acres of land for public enjoyment and natural resource protection, and has overseen the conservation of many more. He spearheaded the organization's farmland protection initiative and in led the development of a new set of conservation priorities for Scenic Hudson. Before joining Scenic Hudson, he worked in land stewardship for The Nature Conservancy's North Carolina chapter, and in the 1980's developed programs in Asia and the Pacific region for the U.S. Peace Corps. Seth is a member of the Advisory Board of the Land Trust Alliance's New York Program, and of the Steering Committee of the Highlands Coalition. Seth is a member and former co-chair of the Town of New Paltz Clean Water and Open Space Protection Commission, and Chairman of the Conservation and Advocacy Committee of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. Seth has a Masters degree in Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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Dr. Gary M. Lovett Forest Ecologist, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies

Ph.D., 1981, Dartmouth College. Dr. Lovett's research is primarily focused on how perturbations such as air pollution, introduced pests and pathogens, and insect defoliators affect forest nutrient cycling. His main field projects are in the Catskill Mountains and Hudson Valley of New York State and the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest in New Hampshire. Current Research: Effects of Atmospheric Deposition on Biodiversity, Ecosystem Effects of Exotic Forest Pests, Control of Nitrogen Loss from Watersheds, Patterns of Atmospheric Deposition, Long-Term Monitoring of the Forest Ecosystem at Cary.



Katrina Shindledecker Director of Land Preservation, Hudson Highlands Land Trust

Katrina Shindledecker is Director of Land Preservation at the Hudson Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) in Garrison, NY. In this capacity, Katrina is responsible for directing and implementing the land trusts acquisition and stewardship program. She is involved in local land use, and acts as the community liaison for the land trust on natural resource issues. Katrina is also the President of Friends of Fahnestock & Hudson Highlands State Parks, a 501(c)(3) organization founded to support the stewardship of the park's natural and historical resources, as well as educational and recreational opportunities for the public. Prior to joining HHLT, Katrina worked for the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) at the Rockefeller State Park Preserve in Mount Pleasant, NY, where she acted as the Director of Natural Resources. In 2005, Katrina's role with OPRHP was expanded to include natural resource initiatives and environmental compliance for the Taconic region, which comprises 15 parks and 5 historic sites. Katrina has a BS in psychology from Eckerd College and an MS in environmental policy from Bard College.



John Winter Executive Director, Woodstock Land Conservancy

John Winter is the executive director of the Woodstock Land Conservancy (WLC), a grassroots, non-profit community land trust based in Woodstock, New York. John manages all aspects of the organization, including programming, outreach, land acquisition, conservation easement monitoring, fee-owned land stewardship, administration, and compliance with Land Trust Alliance standards. WLC has been involved in conserving over 1,000 acres of land, often collaborating with Open Space Institute, NYSDEC and NYCDEP and other land trusts and has 20 properties under protection. WLC sponsors nature education partnerships with local arts, environmental, and cultural organizations designed to get people back outside and on the land. John Winter is also the founder and president of Social Responsibility Solutions LLC, a consulting firm which specializes in social and environmental management. SRS also creates climate change reduction programs for businesses and institutions. John holds a masters degree in resource economics and policy from Duke University's School of the Environment and a B.A. in accounting and history from Muhlenberg College.



Jane Calvin Executive Director, Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust

Jane Calvin has been the Executive Director of the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust (LP&CT) since 1995. LP&CT is a small membership-based urban land trust that also focuses on youth and adult environmental education programs, historic preservation, and urban forestry. Jane has been active in advocating for urban land protection throughout New England, coordinating several regional conferences and the Urban Land Protection Council. Jane holds a Masters in Environmental Management from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, has traveled solo around India and Nepal, and has prior work experience in teaching high school, as an Outward Bound instructor, and in forest policy.



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LAND CONSERVATION & CLIMATE CHANGE

Monday, January 23rd at Bard College, Reem-Kayden Center 103

5:30PM CLIMATE CHANGE PRIMER

Covering the impacts of climate change on natural systems and land conservation, designed for course participants and community members.

Andrew Pitz VP of Strategic Planning and Policy, Natural Lands Trust

6:30PM RECEPTION AND ALUMNI/AE GATHERING

7:30PM LAND TRUST ROUNDTABLE

Discussing the challenges and opportunities faced by land trusts today, including climate change, the economy, and the role of higher education.

Judith Anderson Community Consultants (Short Course Instructor)

Christine DeBoer '09 Executive Director, Wallkill Valley Land Trust

Sara Gordon Conservation Planning Project Manager, Peconic Land Trust

Katrina Howey '04 Northeast Program Coordinator, Land Trust Alliance

Seth McKee Land Conservation Director, Scenic Hudson

Andrew Pitz VP of Strategic Planning and Policy, Natural Lands Trust

Katrina Shindledecker '06 Director of Land Preservation, Hudson Highlands Land Trust

Eban Goodstein Director, Bard Center for Environmental Policy (as moderator)

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