

## NORTHEAST PARTNERS IN AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE CONSERVATION



2018 Annual Meeting  
Hampshire College  
Amherst, MA  
July 31- August 2, 2018



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### Tuesday, July 31st

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#### *Pre-meeting activities:*

- 1:00 pm – 9:00pm      *REGISTRATION* (poster set-up)
- 1:30pm – 3:30pm      Local Field Trips
- 4:00pm – 5:30pm      **State Biologists meeting** – Roundtable Discussion  
Topics TBD
- 6:00pm – 8:30pm      *BARBEQUE SOCIAL* (provided with registration) – (cash bar)

### Wednesday, August 1st

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- 6:30am – 8:00am      *BREAKFAST* (provided with registration)
- 8:00am – 8:30am      *REGISTRATION* (Set up Posters)
- 8:30am – 8:45am      **Welcome/Logistics** – MA Wildlife Director/Hampshire College
- 8:45am – 9:15am      What is NEPARC/PARC? – Priya Nanjappa (PARC States Coordinator) or TBD
- 9:15am – 9:45am      Introduction of Steering Committee – NEPARC co-chairs: Lindsay Rohrbaugh (DC Department of Energy and Environment) and Noelle Rayman-Metcalf (USFWS Endangered Species Biologist, NY office) and introductions around the room, Mentors introduce for mentees
- 9:45am – 10:00am      **National PARC Update**
- 10:00am – 10:30am      **Update on On-going NEPARC Projects/ David Munoz IEDTT presentation**
- 10:30am – 10:45am      **Regulatory Update** – Al Breisch (Roosevelt Wildlife Station)
- 10:45am – 11:15am      Al Richmond (title?)

#### Oral Presentations

- 11:15am – 11:50am      **Presentations (2) Turtles**
- Mary Beth Kolozsvary – *Urbanization Effects on Freshwater Turtle Populations: An Ecological Research as Education Network (EREN) Study* – Siena College
  - Mikes Jones – *Conservation Planning for Wood Turtles in the Northeastern United States* – Northeast Wood Turtle Working Group

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- 11:50am – 12:00pm *Silent Auction begins*
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm LUNCH (provided with registration)
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm **Presentations (3) (Snake Related)**
- Anne Stengle – *Headstarting of the Timber Rattlesnake in Massachusetts* – Holyoke Community College
  - Michael Akresh – *Fuels Management and Habitat Restoration Activities Benefit Eastern Hognose Snake (*Heterodon platirhinos*) and other Snake Species in a Pine Barron* – University of Massachusetts
  - Michael Lathroum – *Operation Kingsnake – the successful coast to coast pursuit and apprehension of reptile poacher's in the United States* – Maryland Natural Resources Police
- 2:00pm – 2:15pm *BREAK*
- 2:15pm – 4:15pm Working Group Breakout Sessions – I
- 4:30pm – 6:00pm Poster Session/Cocktail Hour (cash bar)
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm DINNER (provided with registration)
- 7:30pm – 8:30pm *Evening Speaker*
- Tom Tynning** (title?)

### Thursday, August 2nd

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- 6:30am – 8:00am BREAKFAST (provided with registration)
- 8:15am – 8:25am **Announcements**

#### Oral Presentations

- 8:30am – 9:30am **Presentations (3) Disease**
- Julie Ellis – *The Northeast Wildlife Disease Cooperative: Working With Biologists to Conserve Reptiles and Amphibians In the Region* – Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University
  - Ariel Kruger– *Monitoring with Microbes: Predicting Amphibian Disease Susceptibility Using Lab-based Microbial Challenge Assays* – Rutgers University
  - James Julian – *Evaluating Volunteer-Collected Environmental DNA Samples to Detect the Amphibian Pathogen *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* and Ranavirus*– Penn State University – Altoona College

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- 9:30am – 9:45am **BREAK**
- 9:45am – 11:45am Working Group Breakout Sessions – II
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm **LUNCH** (provided with registration) – Silent Auction ends
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm **Presentations (3) Salamanders**
- Jasper Leavitt – *Impacts of Cannibalism on an All-Female Lineage of Salamanders*– Trent University
  - Annette Evans – *Do Land Use Changes Buffer The Evolutionary Responses of a Terrestrial Salamander to Climate Change?*– University of Connecticut
  - Neha Savant – *Genomic Methods Reveal Distinct Structure and Connectivity of the Threatened Long-tail Salamander (*Eurycea longicauda*) Across Pond and Stream Landscapes* – The Nature Conservancy
- 2:00pm – 2:15pm **BREAK**
- 2:15pm – 3:00pm **Presentations (2) Amphibians**
- Brett Amy Thelen – *Amphibian Road Closures: Lessons Learned from a Pilot Season of “Big Night Detours” in Keene, NH* - Harris Center for Conservation Education
  - Kristine Hoffman – *Urban Wood Frog Movement and Habitat Selection in Maine, USA* – University of Maine
- 3:00pm – 3:30pm **Breakout Sessions Wrap-up:** facilitator (TBA)
- 3:30pm – 4:00pm **NEPARC Business:** facilitator (TBA)
- Election of new Co-Chair
  - Steering Committee changes (if any)
  - Likes/Dislikes of current meeting
  - 2019 NEPARC meeting location and topic suggestions
- 4:00pm – 4:15pm Distribute Silent Auction Items
- 4:30pm **Annual Meeting Ends**