

**The Down East Research and Education Network's  
CONVERGENCE 2016**

***“History and Potential of Landscape Conservation in Downeast Region-  
Viewpoints From Across the Communities of the Region”***

**Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> 2016**

At Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park in Winter Harbor.  
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*The mission of DEREN:* Connect conservation, research, education and communities in Downeast Maine.

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
8:00-9:00	Registration & Networking Moore Auditorium
9:00-9:15	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b> <b>Mark Berry</b> , President of Schoodic Institute, Welcome <b>Lisa Heyward</b> , DEREN President, Introduction <b>Anica Miller Rushing</b> , DEREN Coordinator, <i>"Welcome to Convergence 2016"</i>
9:15-10:15	<b>Keynote Talk:</b> <b>Dr. Darren J. Ranco, PhD</b> , Chair of Native American Programs, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Coordinator of Native American Research, University of Maine, Orono. "Using Wabanaki Diplomacy and Indigenous Research Methods to Respond and Adapt to the Emerald Ash Borer: Lessons and Partnerships"
10:15-10:35	<b>Community updates; share and learn from each other one slide at a time!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Amanda Shearin</b>, Habitat Outreach Coordinator, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; "Maine's Revised Wildlife Action Plan; A statewide collaborative approach to the next ten years of wildlife conservation"</li> <li>• <b>Jeremy Gabrielson</b>, Conservation and Community Planner, Maine Coast Heritage Trust; "Climate Informed Biodiversity Mapping"</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Nicholas Fisichelli</b>, Forest Ecology Director Schoodic Institute; "Schoodic to Schoodic Whole Place Forest Research and Education"</li> </ul>
10:35-10:45	<i>Break</i>
10:45-12:00	<b>Communication and Dialogue Skill Building Sessions</b> (Choose 1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christie Anastasia</b>, Deputy Chief of Interpretation, National Park Service, Acadia National Park; and <b>Betty Lyle</b>, Supervisory Park Ranger; "Facilitated Dialogue: What it looks like and lessons learned"</li> <li>• <b>Kristi Rugg</b>, Graphics Ranger, National Park Service, Acadia National Park; "How to Harness Social Media"</li> <li>• <b>Deb Burwell</b>, Nonprofit Consultant, Paddling the Rapids LLC; "Building, Supporting, and Creating Leadership Within the Ranks"</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Tora Johnson, PhD</b>, Director and Assistant Professor, GIS Service Center and Laboratory, University of Maine at Machias; "Building Buy-in By Engaging Local Stakeholders in Conservation Planning"</li> </ul>
12:00-1:30	<i>Lunch and Networking (Schooner Commons)</i>
1:30-1:50	<b>Community updates; share and learn from each other one slide at a time!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Patricia Maloney</b>, Coordinator, Maine Project Learning Tree; "Maine Forestry Inventory Growth Project"</li> <li>• <b>Brett Ciccotelli</b>, Downeast Salmon Federation; "The Fish That Feeds All; a reintroduction to alewives"</li> <li>• <b>Lesley Lichko</b>, University of Maine Orono M.S. student; "Value of Conserved Lands in Downeast Maine; a collaboration between the University of Maine and DEREN"</li> </ul>

1:50-2:45	<b>Deb Burwell</b> , Nonprofit Consultant, Paddling the Rapids LLC, “DEREN’s Strategic Planning: Review and Respond to DEREN’s Updated Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals”
2:45-3:45	<p><b>Panel Discussion:</b> “Large Landscape Conservation in the Downeast Region: Views of the Future, Where Do We Go From Here?”</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b>  <b>Natalie Springuel</b>, Marine Extension Associate, College of the Atlantic, Maine Sea Grant</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Kate Dempsey</b>, State Director, The Nature Conservancy of Maine; “How state-wide and regional efforts can be models for, and in turn utilize, larger regional and national efforts”</li> <li>* <b>Becky Cole-Will</b>, Chief of Resource Management Acadia National Park; “Park perspective in larger landscape conservation efforts”</li> <li>* <b>Dr. Sandra De Urioste-Stone, PhD</b>, Assistant Professor of Nature Based Tourism, University of Maine, Orono; “Habits of tourists and how they are changing, expanding, and impacting conservation”</li> <li>* <b>Amanda Shearin</b>, Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Wildlife Planner Beginning with Habitat; “State-wide perspective and how large level conservation efforts affect habitats and vulnerable species”</li> </ul>
3:45-4:00	<b>Anica Miller Rushing</b> , DEREN Coordinator, <i>“Closing Remarks: Inspiration and Motivation for the Coming Year”</i>
7:00 pm	<p><b>Evening Speaker:</b>  <b>Rick Bonney</b>, Director, Program Development and Evaluation, Cornell Lab of Ornithology.  “Making it Count, How Citizen Science Can Catalyze Civic Engagement”</p> <p>Many big questions in ecology and public policy require datasets at scales that exceed the capacity of the scientific community to collect and analyze. For decades, birdwatchers, video gamers, and other non-technically trained citizen scientists have helped fill information gaps, often to inform management decisions. Also known as crowd-sourced science and cooperative or participatory research, citizen science presents an opportunity for a new era of civic engagement in which people’s curiosity about and love for their surroundings drive informed decision-making. Join Cornell University’s Rick Bonney and colleagues from Downeast Research and Education Network to explore the national picture and examples of Pew-led citizen science to advance campaign work.</p>