

GENERAL SESSION SPEAKERS

John H. Anlian, Esq. - Attorney John H. Anlian graduated from New York Law School and was admitted to the New Jersey State Bar in 1976. John joins us each year in the CORE session offered by the NJ Community Forestry program to teach us about the legal issues in Urban and Community Forestry. He is well versed in the area of Shade Tree Commissions and the Law.

Stephen M. Bross - Steve is an Environmental Specialist with the NJ Dept of Environmental Protection Pesticide Control Program. Steve speaks annually to such organizations as New Jersey Pest Mgt. Assoc., John Deere Landscapes, New Jersey Environmental Health Assoc., Rutgers University Pest Mgt. Training Courses, NJ Nursery and Landscape Association, NJ Agricultural Assoc., Growmark FS, NJ Agricultural Experiment Station, and the NJLCA. He has received his Bachelor's degree in Geography, Earth Science from the College of New Jersey and his Master's degree from Villanova University.

Stephen Chisholm, Sr. - Steve sits on the NJ Board of Tree Experts and is president of Aspen Tree Expert Co in Jackson, NJ. He is ISA certified and has received the "Arborist of the Year" award by the Arborist Association of New Jersey. Steve is also chair of the Jackson Township Shade Tree Commission.

James R. Clark, PhD - Jim is Managing Consulting Arborist with HortScience/Bartlett Consulting in Pleasanton CA. He received degrees from Rutgers University and the University of California, Davis. Prior to joining the Bartlett Tree Expert Company, Jim was on the faculty at Michigan State University and the University of Washington, and was Vice President of HortScience, Inc. Jim is co-author (with Nelda Matheny) of several prominent books including Arboriculture - the integrated management of landscape trees, shrubs and vines (also with Dick Harris). Jim is an ISA Certified Arborist (WE-0846), tree risk assessment qualified, an Honorary Life Member of both the ISA and the Western Chapter as well as an all-around good guy.

Ann Brooks Gould, PhD - Dr. Ann Brooks Gould is an Associate Extension Specialist in ornamental plant pathology at Rutgers University, also currently serving as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. Her extension program focuses on woody and herbaceous ornamental crop pathology, with recent efforts focused on the characterization of *Xylella fastidiosa*, the causal agent of bacterial leaf scorch of oak, and the incidence and severity of this disease in the New Jersey urban forest. Dr. Gould teaches in the undergraduate program in Plant Biology at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University.

Neil Hendrickson, PhD - Recently retired from Bartlett Tree Research Labs where he served as their Northeast Technical Representative, Neil is a NJ Licensed Tree Expert and he is tree risk assessment qualified. He now serves as chair of the Readington Township Environmental Commission (and tree advisory committee), member of the Readington Township Open Space Advisory Board, the Hunterdon County Shade Tree Commission, and Executive Director of the NJ Shade Tree Federation. Neil received his BS in Forestry from Rutgers, The State University, his MS in Forest Science from the University of New Hampshire and his PhD in Silviculture/Forest Ecology from Yale University, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

Daniel A. Herms, PhD - Dan Herms is Vice President of Research and Development for The Davey Tree Expert Company. Prior to joining Davey, Herms served on the

faculty in the Department of Entomology at The Ohio State University from 1997-2017, including department chair from 2012-2016. Prior to joining Ohio State University, he worked for 13 years at The Dow Gardens, a horticultural display garden in Midland, MI, where he directed their pest management program. His research and outreach programs focus on the ecology and management of trees in forests, urban forests, and ornamental landscapes, including interactions with insects, soils, and climate. He holds a B.S. in landscape horticulture from Ohio State University, an M.S. in horticulture and entomology from Ohio State University, and a PhD in entomology from Michigan State University.

Geoff Kempter - Geoff Kempter has 30 years of experience in urban forestry and utility arboriculture. He is a recognized expert in utility arboriculture, tree risk, and in the application of arboricultural standards and best management practices. He has consulted in the areas of integrated vegetation management, tree risk assessment, pruning methods, public relations and process improvement. Geoff is author of "Best Management Practices: Utility Pruning of Trees," published by the ISA, and is co-author of ISA's "Utility Arboriculture, the Utility Specialist Certification Study Guide." He has authored many articles for publication in trade magazines serving the arboriculture and electric utility industries, and is a frequent presenter at conferences and events. He is an instructor in ISA's Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Program (TRAQ). Geoff has served on the TREE Fund board, the ISA Certification Board (as Chair), as President of the Penn-Del Chapter, as Chair of the ASC A300 Pruning Subgroup, and is currently Vice President of the Utility Arborist Association.

Beth Kwart - Beth is currently the Development Director of the NJ Tree Foundation. She has had progressive experience in nonprofit fundraising and program development in Urban forestry and green infrastructure. She has written and submitted a number of grant proposals and supporting documents to private foundations, corporations, and government sources. She has proactively monitored grant postings and funding opportunities to achieve fundraising goals. Beth has also had direct collaboration with Executive Teams and Program Directors in writing, editing, and submitting federal, state, and local government grant proposals.

Art Laster - Art is President of Plant Detectives, purveyors of fine nursery stock on a ten-acre site located in Chester, NJ. He has received his BS in Plant Sciences from Rutgers - The State University.

John Linson - Fondly referred to in North Jersey as "The Godfather of Trees", John, a NJ Licensed Tree Expert, NJ Approved Forester, and ISA Arborist, is principal of "The Shade Tree Department" and brings his 40+ years of municipal arboricultural experience to the podium illustrated with decades of photographs and constructive information.

Lara Roman, PhD - Lara is a research ecologist with the USDA Forest Service, Philadelphia Field Station. She also grew up in Philadelphia, and now studies the trees in her hometown and other cities. Specifically, she studies the temporal dynamics of urban forests, including tree mortality and growth, canopy cover change, historical development of urban forests, species composition change, and citizen science monitoring. Her studies take a participatory research approach, collaborating with urban forestry professionals for study design and implementation. Lara has authored or co-authored over 30 publications, spanning topics including street and yard tree mortality, knowledge co-production in urban forestry, behavioral interventions to boost residential stewardship, and campus urban forest history. She has been funded by the National Socio-Environmental

Synthesis Center, the TREE Fund, and the Garden Club of America. She holds a PhD from the University of California, Berkeley, in forest ecology, and a Bachelors in Biology and Masters of Environmental Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. She is currently the chair of the Urban Tree Growth & Longevity working group, an affiliate of the International Society of Arboriculture. Through that working group, she has led the development of standard urban forest monitoring protocols. She lives just outside Philadelphia with her husband and two young daughters, who love gardening, tree climbing, and squishing spotted lanternflies

Allyson Salisbury, PhD - Allyson is an arboricultural researcher at the Morton Arboretum. She is an environmental scientist who is broadly interested in how we use plants and ecological knowledge to help plants grow better in highly disturbed environments and manage pollution. To do this she uses techniques from plant physiology and soil science to examine relationships between plants and urban soils. She received her BS in Earth and Environmental Science from Susquehanna University, her MS in Environmental Science from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey and her PhD in Environmental Science from Rutgers as well. Allyson Salisbury has published her research in leading journals in her field and has presented her work at national and international conferences, including the 8th Meeting of the Soils in Urban, Industrial, Transportation, Mining and Military Areas (SUITMA) in Mexico City. She has also worked as an environmental specialist at the Passaic River Coalition collaborating with communities to improve watershed management.

Carrie Sargaent - Carrie is the Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator for the NJ Forest Service. Prior to coming to the State, she worked in the non-profit sector on urban & community forestry, community redevelopment, green infrastructure, and park and playground development. She holds a Master of Forestry degree from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and a BS in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She served as a Peace Corps Volunteer with the Uganda Forest Department. Carrie is an ISA Certified Arborist and a New Jersey Licensed Tree Expert.

Doug Tallamy, PhD - Doug Tallamy is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, where he has authored 102 research publications and has taught insect related courses for 40 years. Chief among his research goals is to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities. His book *Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens* was published by Timber Press in 2007 and was awarded the 2008 Silver Medal by the Garden Writers' Association. *The Living Landscape*, co-authored with Rick Darke, was published in 2014. Doug's new book *'Nature's Best Hope'* released by Timber Press in February 2020, is a New York Times Best Seller. Among his awards are the Garden Club of America Margaret Douglas Medal for Conservation and the Tom Dodd, Jr. Award of Excellence, the 2018 AHS B.Y. Morrison Communication Award and the 2019 Cynthia Westcott Scientific Writing Award.