

08.30-09.00AM	Breakfast
09.00-09.15AM	Opening Statement Nina Therkildsen
09.15-10.30AM	Session 1 Climate and Conflict Impact on Food Security in Afghanistan Hamidullah Nikzad Ploidy level drives geographic variation in leaf traits and palatability to a generalist insect herbivore of a common invader Katie Lee The Intangible Architecture of World Heritage Site: A Structural Equation Model of Sense of Place in Valparaiso, Chile Felipe Gutierrez Antinopai The Future of Enhanced Rock Weathering Natalia Butler Making Participation Work: Civic Capacity and Carbon Neutrality Governance in Urban China Fish Yu Unraveling Cryptic Diversity in the Imperiled Evening Grosbeak Caleb Centanni
10.30-10.45AM	Coffee
10.45-12.05PM	Session 2 Evaluating Bird Biodiversity in the Agricultural Landscapes of the Colombian Amazon Charles Tebbit Integrating spatial capture-recapture with telemetry data and unidentified detections reveals incomplete bobcat (<i>Lynx rufus</i>) recovery in western New York State Haley Turner Regulatory compliance in community-based forest management: An assessment of enforcement in the Prey Lang Extended Landscape, Cambodia Lok Mani Sapkota New Approaches for Monitoring Mysid Shrimp in the Great Lakes Kayden Nasworthy Snapshot NY: A Collaborative Statewide Wildlife Monitoring Project Joelee Tooley

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12.05-01.00PM	Lunch
12.30-12.55PM	Field Trip with Jenna Lilly <p>Take a short visit to Mann Library during lunch to see and learn about the art exhibit created by students in NTRES/ENVS 4500: Climate Solutions Capstone. Cornell's Climate Future Across Scales shows student perspectives and explores Cornell's role in shaping environmental solutions from the local to global level.</p>
01.00-01.50PM	Keynote Speaker  <p>Playing the Long Game – Lessons Learned from Land & Water Conservation Efforts in the Finger Lakes Region</p> <p>Andy Zepp Finger Lakes Land Trust</p>
01.50-02.00PM	Afternoon Break
02.00-03.05PM	Session 3 <p>No Choice but to Jaywalk: Quantifying Juvenile Salamander Road Mortality Stephen Bredin</p> <p>Stream Network Restoration though Dam Removal in New York State Jeremy Dietrich</p> <p>Stewardship Legacies and the Maintenance of Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity in Threatened Prairie-Oak Landscapes Emily Hamant</p> <p>Plain Sight: Cryptic Reproductive Isolation in Sympatric Populations of the Brown Sea Cucumber in the Galapagos Islands Jaime Ortiz</p>
03.05-04.00PM	Happy Hour

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Session 4

Winter Raptor Occupancy, Habitat Use, and Behavior Across Grassland Habitats and Solar-Developed Landscapes in New York

Trifosa Simamora

The Population Genomics of Invasion: Evolutionary insights into the Pacific invasion of American shad (*Alosa sapidissima*)

Azwad Iqbal

Contributions to the Heterogeneity-Diversity Relationship, with Applications in Disturbance Ecology

Kyle Turchick

Climate Co-Solutions? Addressing Polycrisis in the Western Ghats, India

Manasi Anand

From Fields to Forest: Mapping Successional Change in Himalayan Post-Agricultural Landscapes

Rachel Whiteside

Critical Environmental Data Studies

Steven Wolf

Bioacoustic Diversity of a Bermudian Anchialine Pond

Heather "Hopper" Galloway

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Session 5

BRIDGING LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS: EXAMINING HOW SCHOOL WEBSITES AND LEADERS ACKNOWLEDGE AND PROMOTE OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME STEM LEARNING

Celeste Carmichael

Understanding regional dynamics of lead-free ammunition incentive programs: strategies for implementation and implications for eagle conservation outcomes in the northeastern U.S.

Caitlin Davis

A Comparison of Coverboard Materials for Salamander Surveys

Stephanie Dickert

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Acoustic surveys reveal long-term patterns in biomass and structure of Lake Huron's pelagic fish community

Timothy O'Brien

Surface Deformation and Geospatial Analysis of the 31 August 2025 Mw 6.0 Eastern Afghanistan Earthquake Using Sentinel-1 InSAR

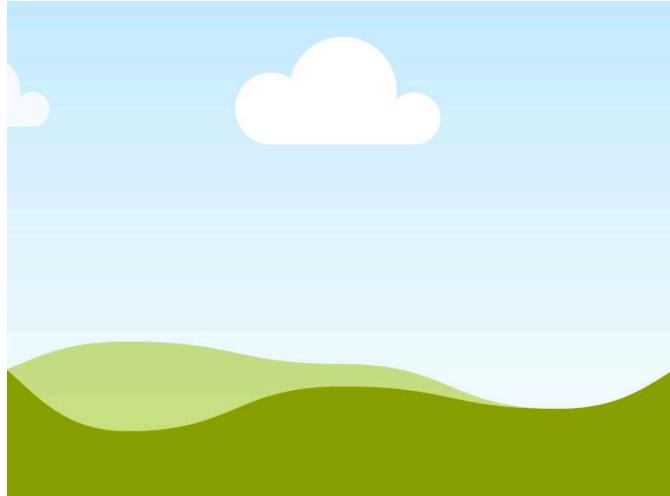
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Keynote Speaker



Brian Weidel Talk Title

Brian Weidel - USGS

01.50-02.00PM

Afternoon Break

02.00-02:25PM

Session 6

Promoting Circular Economy for Empowering Women Households

Nor Anisa

Intro Field Biology as a Cornerstone Course: Three Years of Data Show Growth in Science and Field Biology Identity

David Esparza

02.25-3.00PM

**Competition Announcement
and
Closing Statement**

03.00-04.00PM

Happy Hour