

**Northeast Invasive Plant Species Forum, March 22, 2012, Beltsville, MD**

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| <p>✓ Bernd Blossey<br/>B</p>            | <p>Associate Professor<br/>Department of Natural Resources<br/>211 Bruckner Hall<br/>Cornell University<br/>Ithaca, NY 14853<br/>PH 607-255-5314</p>   | <p><a href="mailto:bb22@cornell.edu">bb22@cornell.edu</a></p>     | <p>Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biological control of plants using insects</li> <li>• Assessment of ecosystem impacts of introduced and native plants in forests and wetlands</li> <li>• Assessment of multiple stressors on native species (earthworms, deer, invasive plants, invasive insects and invasive slugs)</li> <li>• Reforestation, restoration</li> <li>• Conservation biology</li> </ul>   |

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| <p>Herb Bolton</p> <p>C</p>       | <p>National Program Leader, National Institute of Food and Agriculture<br/> Division of Plant Protection<br/> Institute of Food Production and Sustainability<br/> 1400 Independence Ave, SW; Stop 2240<br/> Washington, DC 20250-2240<br/> PH 202-401-4201</p> | <p><a href="mailto:hbolton@nifa.usda.gov">hbolton@nifa.usda.gov</a></p> | <p>NIFA oversight of Regional IPM Centers including the NE Regional IPM Center<br/> NIFA Administration of Hatch Projects<br/> NIFA Administration of Hatch Multistate projects</p>   |
| <p>Michael A. Bowers</p> <p>A</p> | <p>National Program Leader - Ecology Institute of Bioenergy, Climate, and Environment<br/> National Institute of Food and Agriculture<br/> 1400 Independence Ave., SW<br/> Mail Stop 2210<br/> Washington, DC 20250-2215<br/> PH 202-401-4510</p>               | <p><a href="mailto:mbowers@nifa.usda.gov">mbowers@nifa.usda.gov</a></p> | <p>Dr. Bowers represents the agency in various capacities, especially in the areas of agroecosystems (broadly defined to include managed forests, rangeland, conservation lands, and lands managed for wildlife), interdisciplinary research, sustainability, climate change, and invasive species. He currently serves as the Program Lead for the Agricultural Science for Climate Variability and Change Challenge Area and directs the AFRI program, Controlling weedy and invasive plants. His portfolio includes projects that were funded through the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) competitive grants programs, Hatch &amp; Smith-Lever Land Grant formula funds, and Congressional earmarks.</p> |
| <p>Mark Brand</p> <p>B</p>        | <p>Professor, Ornamental Horticulture<br/> Dept. of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture<br/> Unit 4067, University of Connecticut<br/> 1376 Storrs Rd.<br/> Storrs, CT 06279<br/> PH 860-486-2930</p>  | <p><a href="mailto:mark.brand@uconn.edu">mark.brand@uconn.edu</a></p>   | <p>Cultivar exemptions, breeding sterile forms of invasive plants, development of native alternatives to invasives</p>  |
| <p>Carol DiSalvo</p> <p>B</p>     | <p>Biologist and IPM Coordinator<br/> National Park Service<br/> Natural Resource Stewardship and Science<br/> 1201 Eye Street, NW Room 1141<br/> Washington DC 20005<br/> PH 202-513-7183</p>  | <p><a href="mailto:Carol_DiSalvo@nps.gov">Carol_DiSalvo@nps.gov</a></p> | <p>More than 2.6 million acres of national park lands are now dominated by non-native invasive plant species. The Exotic Plant Management Team (EPMT) program, established by the National Park Service in 1999, includes 16 teams serving 229 park units nationwide. The goals of this program are to work with parks and partners to manage the sources of new invasive plant infestations, reduce the effects of existing infestations, and to restore native plant communities and ecosystem functions.</p>   |

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| Mary Farrah<br>C       | Urban Gardening and Forestry Outreach Extension Agent<br>University of The District of Columbia Cooperative Extension Service<br>4200 Connecticut Ave., NW<br>Building 44, Room 120<br>Washington, DC 20008<br>PH 202-274-6682 | <a href="mailto:mfarrah@udc.edu">mfarrah@udc.edu</a>                       | Educational outreach for invasive plants (identification, management, alternatives); applied research/implementation for biological control of invasive plants<br><br>Invasive species outreach, and education, and invasive removal training.   |
| Cameron Faustman<br>A  | Associate Dean for Academic Programs<br>Associate Dean for Research<br>College of Agriculture and Natural Resources<br>1376 Storrs Road<br>University of Connecticut<br>Storrs, CT 06269-4090<br>PH 860-486-2919               | <a href="mailto:cameron.faustman@uconn.edu">cameron.faustman@uconn.edu</a> | Administrative aspect of developing a multistate project and/or organizing teams of faculty to go after competitive grants in Invasive Species.  |
| Katherine Gardner<br>A | Student<br>BS Environmental Studies<br>Gettysburg College<br>1 Peter Christopher Drive<br>Landenberg, PA 19350<br>PH 484-888-6600  | <a href="mailto:jewelbug132@yahoo.com">jewelbug132@yahoo.com</a>           | Biocontrol and invasive plant remediation  |
| Richard Gardner<br>C   | Independent Researcher<br>24 Pheasant Drive<br>Bernville, PA 19506<br>PH 410-726-3045  | <a href="mailto:rigardner3@yahoo.com">rigardner3@yahoo.com</a>             | Native biocontrols for invasive non-native plants and developing volunteer friendly methods to control and remove these plants from public and private domains. My particular research model for both these is <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> .  |

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| <p>Stephan J. Goetz</p> <p>B</p> | <p>Director, The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development<br/>         Professor of Agricultural and Regional Economics<br/>         7E Armsby Building<br/>         The Pennsylvania State University<br/>         University Park, PA 16802-5602<br/>         PH 814-863-4656</p> | <p><a href="mailto:sgoetz@psu.edu">sgoetz@psu.edu</a></p>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Economic Development</li> <li>• Natural Resources</li> <li>• Network Analysis</li> <li>• Local and Regional Food Systems</li> </ul>   |
| <p>David Gregg</p> <p>B</p>      | <p>Executive Director<br/>         Rhode Island Natural History Survey<br/>         (a URI affiliate)<br/>         PO Box 1858, Kingston, RI 02881<br/>         PH 401-874-5800</p>  | <p><a href="mailto:dgregg@rinhs.org">dgregg@rinhs.org</a></p> | <p>At the University of Rhode Island, diverse departments, programs, and affiliated facilities and organizations find invasive plant research, management, and outreach to be their most conspicuous common interest, giving URI a high potential aggregate capacity to engage in significant multi-disciplinary research and extension on invasive plants. Rhode Island Natural History Survey, a non-profit and an 18-year affiliate of URI, has long performed a facilitating, coordinating role among campus-based invasive species stakeholders and between URI and a range of community stakeholders. RINHS chairs the Rhode Island Invasive Species Council, recently finished a 2-year, \$673,000 stimulus-funded project to map and eradicate forest invasives, and is developing a line of locally sourced native plants, called Rhody Native™, for use in habitat restoration. Rhody Native™ involves four URI departments in two colleges, the URI Agronomy Station, the URI Outreach Center, and four URI-affiliated extension and outreach organizations as well as businesses and private individuals and has already attracted significant public and private funding.</p> |
| <p>Marc Imlay</p> <p>B</p>       | <p>Conservation Biologist<br/>         Park Ranger Office<br/>         Natural and Historical Resources Division<br/>         The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission<br/>         PH 301-442-5657</p>  | <p><a href="mailto:ialm@erols.com">ialm@erols.com</a></p>     | <p>Invasive plant control, specifically interested in control of Wavyleaf Basketgrass</p>  |

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| Richard Inouye<br>C     | Program Director<br>National Science Foundation<br>Division of Environmental Biology,<br>Room 635.07<br>4201 Wilson Blvd<br>Arlington, VA 22230<br>PH 703-292-4974   | <a href="mailto:rinouve@nsf.gov">rinouve@nsf.gov</a>             | I manage the Ecosystem Science program and the Dimensions of Biodiversity program, both of which are potential sources of funding for basic research on invasive species.  |
| Michael S. Kearney<br>A | Professor<br>Department of Environmental Science and Technology<br>University of Maryland<br>College Park, MD 20742<br>PH 301-405-4057   | <a href="mailto:kearney@umd.edu">kearney@umd.edu</a>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spread of <i>Phragmites australis</i> in coastal wetlands of the U. S. middle Atlantic Coast</li> <li>• Using remote sensing methods to track of <i>Phragmites</i> and other invasive species</li> </ul>  |
| Kerrie L. Kyde<br>C     | Invasive Plant Ecologist/ Central Region Biologist, Maryland DNR<br>Natural Heritage Program – WHS,<br>11960 Clopper Road<br>Gaithersburg, MD 20878<br>PH 301-948-8243                                     | <a href="mailto:kkyde@dnr.state.md.us">kkyde@dnr.state.md.us</a> | Life history and ecological impacts of invasive plant species; invasion prevention through scientific risk assessment and banning proven invaders; biodiversity conservation and preservation under conditions of climate change; public land management with input and involvement from the Maryland public |
| Hiram Larew<br>A        | Director, Center for International Programs<br>National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA<br>Room 2434, USDA Waterfront Center<br>800 9th Street SW<br>Washington, DC 20523<br>PH 202-720-3801       | <a href="mailto:hlarew@nifa.usda.gov">hlarew@nifa.usda.gov</a>   | NIFA's Liaison to the Northeast Region   |
| Thomas D. Lee<br>B      | Associate Professor of Forest Ecology<br>Department of Natural Resources and the Environment<br>University of New Hampshire<br>114 James Hall, 56 College Road<br>Durham, NH 03824-2601<br>PH 603-862-3791 | <a href="mailto:Tom.Lee@unh.edu">Tom.Lee@unh.edu</a>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Population dynamics, community ecology, and control of invasive woody plants in forests</li> <li>• Effects of forest management on the abundance and spread of invasive plants</li> <li>• Stand development and the success of invasive plants</li> </ul>           |
| Yi Li<br>C              | Professor and Director, New England Invasive Plant Center<br>U-5082 Hampton Building<br>University of Connecticut<br>Storrs, CT 06269<br>PH 860-486-6780   | <a href="mailto:yi.li@uconn.edu">yi.li@uconn.edu</a>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of non-invasive cultivars of economically important invasive ornamental and bioenergy crops.</li> <li>• Techniques used to produce non-invasive plant cultivars include 1) endosperm culture and regeneration/triploid plant production, 2)</li> </ul>  |

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| <p>Doug Manning<br/>C</p>        | <p>Biological Science Technician<br/>National Park Service<br/>426 Forest Resources Building<br/>University Park, PA 16802<br/>PH 814-883-9253</p>   | <p><a href="mailto:doug_manning@nps.gov">doug_manning@nps.gov</a></p>       | <p>molecular mutation breeding, and 3) transgenics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Target plant species include <i>Euonymus alatus</i> (burning bush) and other perennial plants.</li> </ul> <p>I am in charge of the invasive species early detection program for the Eastern Rivers and Mountains Network of the National Park Service. I am interested in attending the forum so that I might have an opportunity to meet people in the field and better integrate our network's invasive plant control efforts with other researchers and organizations in the Northeast.</p> |
| <p>Norris Z. Muth<br/>B</p>      | <p>Asst. Prof. of Biology<br/>Biology Department<br/>Juniata College<br/>1700 Moore St.<br/>Huntingdon, PA 16652</p>   | <p><a href="mailto:muth@juniata.edu">muth@juniata.edu</a></p>               | <p>I am a plant evolutionary ecologist with particular interests in introduced species, phenotypic plasticity, plant-insect interactions, and philosophy of science.</p>  |
| <p>Maile Neel<br/>C</p>          | <p>Associate Professor and<br/>Director of the Norton-Brown<br/>Herbarium<br/>Department of Plant Science and<br/>Landscape Architecture &amp;<br/>Department of Entomology<br/>2116 Plant Sciences Building<br/>University of Maryland<br/>College Park, MD 20742 USA<br/>PH 301-405-9780</p> | <p><a href="mailto:mneel@umd.edu">mneel@umd.edu</a></p>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation Biology</li> <li>Risk Assessment</li> <li>Population Genetics</li> <li>Restoration Ecology</li> <li>Biogeography</li> </ul>   |
| <p>Amy Norris<br/>A</p>          | <p>Graduate Student – PhD: Behavior,<br/>Ecology, Evolution, and Systematics<br/>University of Maryland<br/>1210 Biology/Psychology Building<br/>College Park, MD 20742<br/>PH 802-999-8993</p>  | <p><a href="mailto:awnorris@umd.edu">awnorris@umd.edu</a></p>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plant ecology, nutrient cycling, invasive species</li> <li>My current research is on the impacts of kudzu on biodiversity and nutrient cycling in native forests of the eastern United States</li> </ul>   |
| <p>Robert M. Nowierski<br/>B</p> | <p>National Program Leader for Bio-Based<br/>Pest Management<br/>USDA-NIFA, 800 9th Street, SW<br/>Washington, DC 20024<br/>PH 202-401-4900</p>  | <p><a href="mailto:rnowerski@nifa.usda.gov">rnowerski@nifa.usda.gov</a></p> | <p>Biological Control of Arthropods, Weeds, and Plant Pathogens; IPM; IPM Education; Bio-Based Pest Management; Invasive Species; Insect/Plant Ecology; Population Modeling<br/>NIFA grant programs such as the Food and Agriculture Research Initiative (AFRI) provide funding opportunities to address invasive species.</p>  |

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| Fred Servello<br>B      | Associate Dean & Director<br>Maine Agricultural and Forest<br>Experiment Station<br>University of Maine<br>5782 Winslow Hall, Room 101<br>Orono, ME 04469-5782<br>PH 207-581-3205  | <a href="mailto:fred.servello@maine.edu">fred.servello@maine.edu</a>       | Facilitating regionally coordinated research among<br>experiment stations in the Northeast.   |
| Adel Shirmohammadi<br>C | Associate Dean for Research &<br>Associate Director of MAES<br>Maryland Agric. Experiment Station<br>College of Agric and Natural Resources<br>1201 Symons Hall<br>University of Maryland<br>College Park, MD 20742<br>PH 301-405-2459 | <a href="mailto:ashirmo@umd.edu">ashirmo@umd.edu</a>                       | Climate Change and its impact on Invasive Plant<br>Species  |
| Joseph T. Spence<br>C   | Director, BARC<br>USDA - Agricultural Research Service<br>10300 Baltimore Avenue, Room 223<br>Beltsville, MD 20705<br>PH 301-504-6078  | <a href="mailto:Joseph.Spence@ars.usda.gov">Joseph.Spence@ars.usda.gov</a> | Speaker   |
| Lois Berg Stack<br>B    | Extension Specialist, Ornamental<br>Horticulture; and<br>Professor, Sustainable Agriculture<br>University of Maine<br>495 College Avenue<br>Orono ME 04473<br>PH 207-581-2949  | <a href="mailto:Lois.Stack@Maine.edu">Lois.Stack@Maine.edu</a>             | I'm interested in developing, compiling and<br>disseminating information about identity, location<br>and management of invasive terrestrial plants in<br>Maine and New England. |
| Lena Struwe<br>A        | Associate Professor<br>Dept. of Ecology, Evolution, and<br>Natural Resources<br>Rutgers University<br>237 Foran Hall, 59 Dudley Road<br>New Brunswick, NJ 08901<br>PH 848-932-6343   | <a href="mailto:struwe@aesop.rutgers.edu">struwe@aesop.rutgers.edu</a>     | Ethnobotany, history and control of invasive<br>species; cultural aspects of weeds and their<br>introduction and spread in US.<br><br><i>Antakova</i>                           |

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| <p>Alan V. Tasker<br/>A</p>        | <p>National Program Manager (Biological Control &amp; Noxious Weeds)<br/>USDA Animal &amp; Plant Health Inspection Service<br/>Plant Protection &amp; Quarantine<br/>Emergency and Domestic Programs<br/>Invertebrates, Weeds, &amp; Biological Control<br/>4700 River Road, 5A04.14<br/>Riverdale, MD 20737<br/>PH 301-851-2224</p> | <p><a href="mailto:Alan.V.Tasker@aphis.usda.gov">Alan.V.Tasker@aphis.usda.gov</a></p> | <p>Speaker/Panel Member</p>  |
| <p>John Volin<br/>A</p>            | <p>Professor and Head<br/>Department of Natural Resources and the Environment<br/>University of Connecticut<br/>1376 Storrs Road<br/>Storrs, CT 06269<br/>PH 860-486-0137</p>  | <p><a href="mailto:john.volin@uconn.edu">john.volin@uconn.edu</a></p>                 | <p><i>Respiratory</i><br/>I am a plant physiological ecologist, and I am interested in discovering the mechanistic reasons as to why some plants become invasive when introduced to a new environment.</p>   |
| <p>Laura Washington<br/>A</p>      | <p>Cooperative Weed Management Area Coordinator<br/>Wildlife and Fisheries Division<br/>Government of the District of Columbia<br/>District Department of the Environment<br/>1200 First Street, NE, 6th Floor<br/>Washington, DC 20002<br/>PH 202-727-8705</p>  | <p><a href="mailto:laura.washington@dc.gov">laura.washington@dc.gov</a></p>           | <p>The District of Columbia Department of the Environment along with several partners (including National Park Service are developing a Cooperative Weed Management Area in DC to coordinate invasive removal and control efforts across jurisdictional boundaries in DC. We can collaborate by sharing data, promoting removal events and possibly sharing volunteers from our CWMA. We are also looking forward to learning as much as possible from the other partners in your group.</p> |
| <p>Gloria S. Wyche-Moore<br/>B</p> | <p>Founding Dean<br/>College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES)<br/>4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW<br/>Building 44 Room 102<br/>Washington, DC 20008<br/>PH 202-274-7011</p>  | <p><a href="mailto:gwychemo@udc.edu">gwychemo@udc.edu</a></p>                         |  |