



# CONNECTICUT INVASIVE PLANT WORKING GROUP

## 2024 Symposium

### Real Talk: Making an Impact in Invasive Plant Management

Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 9 am – 4:45 pm

UConn Student Union, Storrs, CT

**REGISTRATION** and additional information: [cipwg.uconn.edu/2024-symposium](https://cipwg.uconn.edu/2024-symposium)

Early Registration (by September 20): \$75

Regular Registration (after September 20): \$85

Matriculated Student Registration: \$35

Registration fee includes: Lunch, Parking, Pesticide Recertification credits (*pending state approval*)

Time	SCHEDULE
8 am	<i>Check-in opens</i>
9 am	WELCOME: CIPWG Co-Chairs DEAN REMARKS: Dr. Indrajeet Chaubey, Dean, UConn CAHNR
9:30	MORNING SESSION: Victoria Wallace and Lauren Kurtz, UConn; Bryan Connolly, ECSU: <a href="#">CIPWG's Role in Combatting Invasive Plants</a>
10:30	<i>Break</i>
10:45	KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Peter Picone, CT DEEP: <a href="#">For the Love of Plants...To Plant or Not to Plant? A Wildlife Biologist's Perspective</a>
11:45	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00	LESLIE J. MEHRHOFF AWARD
1:20	<i>Transition to Breakouts</i>
1:30	<b>GROUP A SESSIONS:</b> Breakout Sessions 1, 2, 3  1) <a href="#">Case Studies in Managing Tree of Heaven and Mugwort</a> : <b>Speakers:</b> Art Gover, Penn State; Jatinder Aulakh, CAES. <b>Moderator:</b> Todd Mervosh, TM Agricultural & Ecological Services  2) <a href="#">Leveraging Community Engagement</a> : <b>Speakers:</b> Bill Marshall, South Windsor Invasive Plants Working Group; Greg Foran, Town of Glastonbury; Sarah Hutchison; Lisa Brodlie. <b>Moderator:</b> Vickie Wallace, UConn, CIPWG Co-chair  3) <a href="#">Pollinator Meadows at Robbins Swamp Wildlife Management Area Help Support Native Wild Bees and Monarchs</a> : <b>Speakers:</b> Kelsey Fisher and Tracy Zarrillo, CAES. <b>Moderator:</b> Joshua Tracy, South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
2:45	<i>Break</i>
3:00	<b>GROUP B SESSIONS:</b> Breakout Sessions 4, 5, 6  4) <a href="#">Aquatic Invasive Plant Management and Prevention</a> : <b>Speakers:</b> Jeremiah Foley and Greg Bugbee, CAES. <b>Moderator:</b> Lauren Kurtz, UConn  5) <a href="#">Common Questions about Invasive Plant Management (Panel)</a> : <b>Speakers:</b> Todd Mervosh, TM Agricultural & Ecological Services; Christian Allyn, Invasive Plant Solutions; Kathy Connolly, Speaking of Landscapes, Inc. <b>Moderator:</b> Emmett Varricchio, CIPWG Co-chair  6) <a href="#">Native Plant Availability</a> : <b>Speakers:</b> David Lee, Saratoga Bareroot Nursery; Alyssa Siegel-Miles and Sara Tomis, UConn Extension; Darryl Newman, Planters' Choice Nursery. <b>Moderator:</b> Peter Picone, CT DEEP
4:15	<i>Transition to Closing Remarks</i>
4:25	CLOSING REMARKS: Joshua Tracy, Regional Water Authority
4:45	End

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