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SPEAKER BIOS

In alphabetical order by last name.

Kate Anderson is a senior researcher at Farms & Forests program and leads Sightline's work on rural lands. Kate has a Ph.D. in Sociology, a Ph.D. in Environment & Resources, and a Masters in Agricultural and Applied Economics. She also has hands-on experience working in lumber mills and on farms. Kate is an expert on institutional tools that jointly promote vibrant rural communities and environmental sustainability. Before joining Sightline, Kate was a researcher and instructor of agroecology, environmental sociology, and natural resource governance at UC-Berkeley and UW-Madison. She has researched climate, biodiversity, water, and land use for the NSF Long-Term Ecological Research program, the United Nations Development Program, and the Brazilian Government. Her most recent work focused on supply management and associational democracy in the farm sector, including policy reform in the organic dairy sector and bringing fair pricing to the food system.

Rowan Braybrook is the Director of Programs for Northwest Natural Resource Group, a forest stewardship nonprofit based in Seattle. She formerly served in the Peace Corps in northern Madagascar, working with a forest reserve on sustainable agriculture and community environmental education. She subsequently worked in field program management and environmental policy both in Washington, DC and internationally, focusing on climate change, biodiversity, and sustainable development. Rowan grew up in the San Juan Islands and holds an M.A. in Public Management and Environmental Policy from Johns Hopkins University.

Dan Brown has held multiple leadership positions in units focused on interdisciplinary environmental research and education at the Universities of Michigan and Washington. As director of the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, he leads a faculty of 41 in delivering interdisciplinary and engaged curricula aimed at preparing students to be science-based stewards of land-based natural resources. Dan has over 25 years of experience in funded research and engaged teaching in spatial analysis and geographic information science, especially as applied to analysis of land-use and land-cover change and the dynamics of human-environment interactions. Current research focuses on land-tenure change in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Christine Buhl is a graduate of Oregon State University (B.S. Environmental Science, Entomology) and the University of Wisconsin-Madison (Ph.D. Entomology). She has a broad background in entomology spanning from work with public health vectors to tropical species conservation to insect chemical ecology from Hawaii to the country of Lebanon. She currently serves as the state Forest Entomologist with the Oregon Department of Forestry where she provides statewide technical assistance to public and private landowners and monitors forest health via aerial and ground surveys. She also serves as the agency natural resources tribal liaison and wildfire investigator.



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Derek Churchill is both a forester and scientist who focuses on applying ecological knowledge to on-the-ground forest management challenges across the Pacific Northwest. He has run a forestry consulting company for 10 years that specializes in ecological forestry on public and private land. He has done a wide variety of projects on National Forests throughout Washington, Oregon, and California, and has worked extensively with forest collaboratives. He also has longstanding relationships and ongoing projects with the Nature Conservancy, Conservation NW, the Klamath Tribe, King County, and the PEW Charitable Trusts. He currently has a part time post-doc at the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences – University of Washington, where he is focusing on using LiDAR to guide multiscale resilience management in the Sierra Nevada and Colville NF. He also teaches forest management classes at UW. He lives on Vashon Island where he works with the Vashon Forest Stewards; a community forestry group that manages forest operations for small private, non-industrial forest landowners.

Stacey Dixon earned her Master's in Forest Resources from the University of Washington and subsequently worked as the Forest Manager for the University of Washington's Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest. She holds a BS in Society and Environment and a minor in Forestry from the University of California, Berkeley. She was born in Fort Bragg, California and grew up in a coastal redwood forest.

Alex Dolk grew up amidst the coastal forests of Whatcom County. Prior to joining NNRG in 2018, Alex worked in communications for an outdoor adventure company, then spent several months engaged in bat research in rural Malawi. While working as Outreach Coordinator for NNRG, Alex completed master's degrees in public policy and forest sciences at the University of Washington.

Jason Dorn bio coming soon.

Dr. Cristina Eisenberg is courtesy faculty at Oregon State University (OSU) in the College of Forestry and an Outstanding Alumna and Alumni Fellow at that school. A Native American and Latinx ecologist of mixed Raramuri and Western Apache heritage, she is the principal investigator on two multi-year projects within Indigenous communities: the Kainai First Nation in Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta, Canada and the Kainai Reserve; and the Fort Belknap Indian Community, Aanniih and Nakoda Tribes, Montana. These project braid Traditional Ecological Knowledge with Western science to find ecocultural restoration solutions. BLM funds her work in Fort Belknap, in partnership OSU and the Society for Ecological Restoration. She is a Smithsonian Research Associate and the former Chief Scientist at Earthwatch Institute, where she oversaw a global research program prioritizing ecological restoration, climate resiliency, social justice for Indigenous peoples, and sustainable natural resources production. Dr. Eisenberg serves on the Board of Sustainable Northwest and on several other boards and advisory councils. She works to help build government-to-government partnerships with Tribal Nations and Federal agencies in a manner that respects sovereignty and treaty rights and advances social and environmental justice. She is the author of numerous journal articles, books, and book chapters.



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Gregory Ettl is Director of the Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest in the University of Washington's School of Environmental and Forest Sciences. As Director he oversees management of a 4,300-acre working forest, as well as research, education, and outreach activities. His research focuses on sustainable forestry including silviculture, ecophysiology, ecosystem services, forest responses to climate change, agroforestry, and forest ecology.

Megan Garvey is the Stewardship Director at The Wetlands Conservancy, an Oregon Land Trust based in Portland, OR. She has worked with The Wetlands Conservancy for 9 years stewarding TWC properties, as well as managing volunteer, community science, and education programs. Megan has worked throughout the Portland area as well as on the Oregon Coast. She studied Conservation Biology at Lewis & Clark College, and has worked as a restoration technician, environmental education instructor, and water quality facility coordinator. Her favorite wetland critters are beavers and amphibians, and she enjoys spending her free time in the garden, paddling on the water and camping with her partner and their dogs.

Peter Hayes has a family-owned business caring for three, working, experimental forests in the northern Oregon Coast Range. Using positive impact forestry methods, his family aims to grow ecologically complex, economically viable, responsibly operated forests. Since 1986 his family has owned three working forests located roughly one hour's drive west of Portland, Oregon. The business involvement depends on two generations of the family, builds on the experiences of six generations, and spans all aspects of forest work from tree planting, forest restoration, control of invasive plants, and forest health monitoring, to harvesting, processing, and selling finished products. In working to develop approaches that work as well in the long run as they do in the short run, he continues to be an active learner who approaches the work with humility, restraint, respect, and good humor.

Roslyn Henricks grew up on a farm in a coastal region of South Australia that is renowned for its radiata pine plantations. She studied forestry at the Australian National University, which led to an exchange at Oregon State University. After college Roslyn worked as a forester for a Weyerhaeuser-owned company in Australia, before moving to the United States as an international fellow with the World Forest Institute in Portland, Oregon. Later, she moved to Washington and worked with DNR in Aquatics and State Lands before taking some time out to start a family. More recently she worked as a real estate agent, mostly with rural properties and land and is now the regulation assistance forester for the South Puget Sound region with the Small Forest Landowner Office (SFLO).

Joey Hulbert Joey is a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Washington State University. He has a background in forest pathology, and he is passionate about public engagement in science. His initiative to lead Forest Health Watch as the program director stems from his experience establishing the Cape Citizen Science program in South Africa during his Doctorate.



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Brian Morris collaborates with public and private land managers, nurseries, contractors, and stakeholders to restore resilient forests across the Pacific Northwest for American Forests. Brian works with Oregon and Washington states to better understand and scale the reforestation pipeline in the PNW to allow for effective seed and seedling supply to post-fire climate adapted reforestation projects. Through landowner partnerships Brian assists with design and implementation of fuel reduction strategies across landowners to develop resilient forested landscapes. Brian has nearly two decades working in reforestation and during that time has worked on a site preparation crew, set chokers with logging crews, fought fire from Malibu to Alaska, managed a reforestation nursery, and earned a BS, MS and PhD in Forestry.

Don Motanic has been a Technical Specialist with the Intertribal Timber Council since 1995 and up till his recent retirement in 2021. He spent most of his 42-year career as a forest engineer and forest manager with the Bureau of Indian Affairs that included living and working with the Yakama Nation, Umatilla, and Spokane Tribes. He has been involved with Native youth through the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, Wisdom of the Elders, Inc., Washington Ag Forestry Leadership Foundation, Washington State University-Vancouver Native Advisory Council, Society of American Foresters, Big Brothers and Big Sisters. At home in Brush Prairie, WA, the family's horse boarding business has evolved with Don and his wife Mary Beth, helping their daughter Jayme move into breeding and training reining horses.

Maura Olivos grew up in NW Oregon and achieved a B.S. Ecology from Unity College in Maine and later earned degrees in Energy Management and G.I.S. Over her career she worked throughout the PNW on various forestry research projects, then worked in the ski industry in Utah leading environmental and sustainable management efforts within National Forest. She specializes in ecological restoration and soil erosion. She returned home to Oregon in 2020 to continue her dedication to conservation and is currently working with the Forest Stewards Guild as the PNW regional coordinator and the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District within the Urban Conservation Program focusing on restoration and conservation awareness.

Prof. Klaus J. Puettmann is Edmund Hayes Professorship in Silviculture Alternatives in the Department of Ecosystems and Society at Oregon State University. He received a Forest Science Diploma from the Albert-Ludwig University, Germany and Silviculture and Forest Modeling Ph.D. from Oregon State University. He was on faculty at the University of Minnesota before coming to OSU in 2001, with extended sabbatical visits as DFG Mercator Guest Professor at the University of Freiburg and Charles Bullard Fellow at Harvard University. He has been working on projects related to managing forests for a more balanced suite of ecosystem services and increase their adaptive capacity in the context of global change.



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Steve Rigdon is a Yakima tribal member and general manager for Yakama Forest Products in Washington.

Colleen Robinson describes her perfect work as helping people recognize and acknowledge their own connections to their environment. She has a bachelor's degree in environmental education and a broad background in communications. After 10 years with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Forest Health Program and 14 years with the non-profit, Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy, her knowledge directly relates to our communication needs. She understands our work with forests and the people who own, manage, and recreate within them. Colleen maintains our website, member and donor communications, event registrations, e-news, magazine, and Annual Review. Outside the Guild, she is a Wisconsin Master Naturalist course instructor, a Certified Mindful Outdoor Guide, and enjoys time in the woods and on the water with friends and family.

Brandy Saffell earned a B.S. in Environmental Studies from Florida State University and a M.S. in Forest Ecosystems and Society from Oregon State University, where she studied the impacts of disease on Douglas-fir forests in Oregon. Before joining the Tualatin SWCD team, she worked as a forestry educator for OSU Extension, a nature guide in the Columbia River Gorge, a lab technician at a forest research institute, and a field technician at Tall Timbers Research Station in Florida. As a Forest Conservation Specialist, she assists new and seasoned forest managers with assessing forest health concerns, writing stewardship plans, improving wildlife habitat, and getting the work done. She also leads research to better understand how we can prepare forests for a changing climate, wildfire, and invasive insect pests.

Malloree Weinheimer holds a BSci in Forest Resources from the University of Washington and worked in forest ecology research and land management for 8 years before starting Chickadee Forestry in 2018. She is a candidate certified forester through the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and her expertise is in forest health issues, land conservation policy, sustainable forest management, and ecological restoration. She holds a B.S. in Natural Resource Management from the University of Washington and has over 10 years of experience in forest ecology research and restoration and is the founder of Chickadee Forestry. Malloree specializes in forestry solutions focused on improving forest health including forest management plans, ecological thinning harvests, forest health consultations, and ecological restoration projects. Chickadee Forestry LLC is a woman owned business. She is also a co-founder of Rethinking Rural, an organization offering leadership and networking opportunities for young rural professionals and focuses on protecting natural resources and climate change for rural communities across the country and serves as board member and advisor to various groups on forestry issues.