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Northeast Algal Society

57th Annual Symposium

West Haven, Connecticut
April 13-15, 2018

The 57th Northeast Algal Symposium will convene April 13 – 15th, 2018 at the University of New Haven in West Haven, CT and is being organized by Amy Carlile (acarlile@newhaven.edu) and Brian Wysor (bwysor@rwu.edu). We look forward to another phylogenetically-filled series of talks, posters, and informal conversations. We encourage all members and especially students to attend as it provides a great opportunity to converse with your friends and colleagues in a relaxed atmosphere. Awards will be presented for undergraduate and graduate posters and oral presentations (see details below).

The theme for the 2018 symposium is *Broaden your Impact*, a nod to the National Science Foundation's grant proposal evaluation criterion to document the broader impacts of scientific research. We hope to generate discussion on how we can communicate our work to the public, which is especially important in this era of “fake news” and suspicion of science. To this end, we have invited Dr. Sunshine Menezes, Josie Iselin, and Bruce Barber. Sunshine is Director of the Metcalf Institute for Marine & Environmental Reporting (<http://metcalfinstitute.org>) and an expert on training scientists to be effective communicators. Josie is a photographer and author of books focused on forms in nature, such as *Ocean Garden: The Secret Life of Seaweed* (<http://www.josieiselin.com/books/>). Bruce Barber is the radio station manager at the University of New Haven's WNHU and an avid podcaster (<http://wnhu.org/bruce-barber/>). We look forward to a truly inspirational meeting, complete with the usual phylogenetically-focused science talks!

Opening Mixer: Friday, 7:00 – 10:30 pm

This year's welcome reception will take place in the Seton Art Gallery on campus and will feature an exhibition and gallery talk (9:00 pm) by renowned photographer, author, and Phycological Society of America Tiffany Award Winner Josie Iselin. Additionally, symposium participants are invited to showcase phylogenetically inspired artwork or outreach products designed to *broaden the impact* of research and/or teaching efforts. Please indicate your interest in participating in this way on the registration form.

Registration Information:

Registration will be \$100 for students and retired members, and \$175 for professionals. The registration fee includes NEAS membership dues (\$30.00 for professionals and \$15.00 for students/retirees), the Friday evening reception, coffee breaks, lunches on Saturday and Sunday, and the Saturday night banquet. Extra banquet tickets for accompanying guests are available at the time of registration for \$35.00. For those who wish to register online please submit the online registration forms and payment at: www.e-neas.org (payment and registration must be made together online). For those who wish to register by mail please send the registration form (below) and a check to:

Dr. Chris Neefus
Department of Biological Science
Spaulding 117
38 Academic Way
Durham NH 03824

Checks should be made out to *Northeast Algal Society* with “NEAS 2018” noted on the memo line.

Abstract Submission:

Abstracts for posters and oral presentations will be due **Tuesday March 13rd, 2018**. They should be typed in MS Word (Mac or PC), single-spaced, using 12 point Times font, with 1" margins on top and sides and must be **no longer than 325 words including the title, authors and affiliations**. For multi-author talks, please underline the presenting author.

Abstracts and registration forms should be submitted as MS Word files **attached** to an email sent to northeastalgae@gmail.com with "NEAS Abstract" in the subject line. All abstracts will have editorial review. Please adhere strictly to the formatting guidelines shown in the example abstract.

Example abstract:

STUDYING TROPICAL ALGAE TO JUSTIFY TRAVEL TO NICE LOCATIONS FOR RESEARCH. Craig Schneider¹ & Gary Saunders². ¹Biology, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, 06106, U.S.A.; ²Centre for Environmental & Molecular Algal Research, Biology, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB E3B 5A3, Canada.

A recent survey of aging faculty revealed a stunning trend, suggesting that those studying tropical algae were more excited about fieldwork than those working in polar regions...

Oral & Poster Presentations:

Oral presentations are scheduled for 12 minutes with 3 minutes of Q&A. Please be certain that your talk is properly timed so that the program can stay on schedule. Moderators will be asked to cut your question period short should the talk exceed 12 minutes. A Windows based computer will be provided to run MS PowerPoint or Adobe Acrobat presentations. Bring your file on a USB drive and present it to the session moderator for loading prior to the session in which you will be speaking. Personal computers may not be used for presentations. For ease of organizing oral presentation files, please use the following naming convention for your file:

Date.24hPresentationTime.Lastname.Brief.Title.pptx (e.g., **14.Apr.14:15.Schneider.Travel for algae research.pptx**)

Posters should be no larger than 40" high x 34" wide. NEAS will supply the poster mounts and pins to affix them.

Undergraduate & Graduate Presentation Awards:

Undergraduate students can compete for the NEAS President's Award for the best oral presentation or poster, and graduate students for the Robert T. Wilce (oral) and Francis R. Trainor (poster) Awards for presentation and poster. The students will be evaluated by at least three judges for their clarity of presentation, originality of research, experimental design and methods, data presentation and interpretation. Please check (✓) on the abstract form (following) if you intend to compete for an award.

Accommodation Information:

Blocks of rooms have been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights at two local hotels. When you call to make your reservation, be sure to indicate that you are staying for the Northeast Algal Symposium.

The Courtyard Marriott in Orange is a 10-minute drive from campus, just off I-95, with free parking. Call their front desk (203-799-2200) or visit [here](#) to make a reservation for the discounted rate of \$120/night. **The cut-off date for reservations at the Marriott is Monday, March 26, 2018.**

The Homewood Suites by Hilton in Stratford is a 20-minute drive from campus and offers free breakfast and parking. The rates are \$99/night for a studio suite (3 person max) or \$114 for a one bedroom King suite (4 person max). All rooms also have pullout sofas. Call their front desk (203-377-3322) or visit their website [here](#) (specify group code KRC) to make your reservation. **The cut-off date for reservations at the Hilton is Tuesday March 13, 2018 at 5:00 PM.**

Student Book Awards:

Students and post-docs are encouraged to apply for the annual society book awards for books in their field of phylogenetic study. Application materials are available on the NEAS website: <http://www.e-neas.org/bookaward.html>. Applications are due March 1st, 2018.

Student Research Grants:

The Northeast Algal Society Development Committee is pleased to continue its small grants program to facilitate undergraduate and graduate student research, recognizing that small amounts of support can be critical to the success of a project. Funding in the amount of up to \$500 per grant is provided through monies raised by the Development Committee and through the establishment of the Ron Hoham NEAS Undergraduate Research Grant. Application for funding to support both undergraduate and graduate student research can be made through a unified application found on the NEAS website: <http://www.e-neas.org/students.html>. The deadline for all materials is March 15th, 2018.

Annual NEAS Auction:

We encourage you to bring items to donate for the Society auctions (live and silent). These may include books, important reprints, phyco-art and other things phylogenetic, as well as non-phylogenetic items of value that will help raise funds for the students in our Society. Like last year, we will have a retired colleague's extensive macroalgal reprint collection as part of the auction. This year we will also have the very last carving by Frank Trainor that has never hit the auction block! These carvings are highly sought after, and often find their way back to auction to pass around the membership. We encourage you to donate your previously auctioned items; it's a fun way to share items while contributing to the professional development of student members! If you already know of some items you'll be bringing, please send a list (and estimated value for tax purposes) to northeastalgae@gmail.com. Please bring your items to the registration desk on Friday night (or early Saturday morning) of the NEAS weekend.

Call for nominations: The following NEAS Officer positions will become vacant in 2018 and need to be filled by election during the NEAS meeting,

- Chair Elect, Nominations Committee
- Treasurer
- Member at Large

Please submit nominations to Amy Carlile (acarlile@newhaven.edu) with "NEAS nomination" in the subject line. For a description of each position see the [NEAS Officer's Manual](#).