

GENERAL SESSION SPEAKERS

John H. Anlian, Esq. – John graduated from New York Law School and was admitted to the New Jersey State Bar in 1976. He has been representing individuals, families, and small businesses throughout Bergen County, Hudson County, and the surrounding areas since 1977. He takes great pride in providing honest accessible and versatile legal services in multiple areas of law including Tree Law.

Richard Buckley – Richard Buckley is the Director of the New Jersey Agricultural Experimental Station Soil Testing and Plant Diagnostic Services at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. He received his BS in Entomology and Plant Pathology from the University of Delaware and MS in Turfgrass Pathology from Rutgers that lead to his current position. In addition to his responsibilities as Director of the STPDS, Mr. Buckley is an instructor in the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School and teaches courses in diseases and insect pests of turfgrass and ornamental plants. He is also a frequent lecturer and invited speaker on disease and insect pest problems in turf and ornamentals, plant problem solving, and disease and pest management techniques.

Kim Coder, PhD – Dr. Kim D. Coder is Professor of Tree Biology and Health Care at the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, USA. He has degrees from Iowa State University in forestry, tree biology, and forest ecology. Dr. Coder was elected world President of the International Society of Arboriculture by fellow professionals. He has served as President of the Southern Chapter of ISA, the International Arboriculture Research & Education Academy (AREA), and the Georgia Urban Forest Council. He was appointed to NUCFAC, an advisory committee to the USDA Secretary of Agriculture on community forestry issues. He is the first person to receive four of ISA's world-wide, peer selected awards (Shigo, Harris, Lilly, and Merit awards). He won the highest international award given by the Arbor Day Foundation - the J. Sterling Morton award. Dr. Coder is author of over 500 technical publications and articles. He is an international lecturer and consultant to private citizens, corporations, attorneys, and communities on tree health care, tree anatomy, abiotic tree stress, lightning & tree protection, ice storm damage, biomechanics, and community forest ecology.

Ann Gould, PhD – Dr. Ann Gould is an Associate Extension Specialist in ornamental plant pathology at Rutgers University. Her research program focuses on woody and herbaceous ornamental crop pathology, with recent efforts focused on the characterization of *Xylella fastidiosa*, the causal agent of bacterial leaf scorch of oak, and the incidence and severity of this disease in the New Jersey urban forest. Dr. Gould teaches three undergraduate courses in plant pathology each year at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University, and currently serves as the Plant Biology Undergraduate Program Director.

Neil Hendrickson, PhD – As Northeast Technical Representative for the R.A. Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories in Charlotte, NC, Dr. Hendrickson conducts research, provides technical support for Bartlett throughout the country as well as internationally and lectures for the green industry and other interested groups. He received a BS from Cook College, Rutgers University, a Masters in Forest Science from the University of New Hampshire, and a PhD in Forest Ecology and Silviculture from Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. He has spent several years as a faculty member in the graduate program in resource management at Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, Canada. For a number of years, he has been a practicing arborist.

Robin Heston-Murphy – Robin Heston-Murphy is a supervisor with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste. The Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste is responsible for ensuring solid and hazardous waste is managed in an environmentally sound manner. Robin has worked in the Division for 25 years managing various aspects of solid and hazardous waste, recycling, and universal waste. Robin currently supervises the Solid Waste Transfer Station Unit and has been involved in emergency debris management and planning for the past 6 years. Robin assists counties and towns in preparing Debris Management Plans and obtaining approvals for areas to store debris.

Mitzi Kaiura – Emergency Management Planner with the Emergency Management Program, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. For the past 12 years, Mitzi has worked for the NJDEP within the Division of Water Quality and Emergency Management Program. She holds a B.S. in Environmental Resource Management from Penn State University and has 22 years of experience operating in various disciplines of the Emergency Services field. Mitzi serves as an all-hazards planner and project manager to support day-to-day emergency management initiatives and functions as a state agency liaison and emergency support function coordinator for the State Emergency Operations Center during planned events and response operations.

Daryl Kobesky – Daryl graduated from Rutgers University with a degree in Planning and Design with a concentration in Landscape Architecture. Following his 3 post graduate years as superintendent of the Rutgers Gardens, Daryl obtained his L.A. license while working in succession with 2 NJ Landscape Architecture firms. Wishing to reenter horticulture on a more hands-on level, he joined Pleasant Run Nursery as their Production Manager. Under his supervision the nursery has grown to 95+ container houses producing a broad range of high quality, hardy, landscape-worthy plants with sustainable environmentally sensitive production practices.

James Murphy, PhD – Jim has been the Extension Specialist in Turfgrass Management at Rutgers University since 1991. He received a M.S. and Ph.D. from Michigan State University. Jim conducts research and provides extension programming on best management practices for a range of turfgrass systems used within the metropolitan region surrounding New Jersey. He has published numerous articles on turfgrass management and frequently speaks at national and international conferences.

Stephanie Murphy, PhD – Stephanie has degrees in Agronomy/Soil Science from The Ohio State University (B.S.), Purdue University (M.S.), and Michigan State University (Ph.D). Stephanie has served Rutgers University since 1992. Currently, she is the Director of the Rutgers Soil Testing Laboratory, a fee-based service laboratory of Rutgers and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. Aside from supervising the technical and administrative duties of the laboratory, she serves as a Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) support professional, answering questions, making recommendations, and training others about the importance and management needs of soil. She also teaches an undergraduate soils course at Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences (SEBS) in the Plant Science curriculum and serves as representative of SEBS and RCE to the State Soil Conservation Committee.

Carrie Stanker – Carrie is a graduate of the Rutgers University Landscape Architecture program and a licensed Landscape Architect in NJ & PA. Carrie designed landscape plans and acted as Project Manager of her business Garden Gate Design Studio for 10 years. She has provided design services for several other local landscape contractors as well. She has also

taught Landscape Planning & Design I and II as an adjunct professor at Mercer County Community College. Carrie joined the Pleasant Run Nursery sales team in January 2015 and manages their deliveries.

Robert Wells – Bob has had 35 years of experience as the owner Wells Tree & Landscape Inc. He currently serves as Associate Director of Arboriculture Outreach for Morris Arboretum at the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated from Cook College, Rutgers University with a BS in plant sciences and is a NJ Certified Tree Expert as well as an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Board Certified Master Arborist. Bob is also an active member of the Tree Care Industry Association and the American Society of Consulting Arborists. He had served as the chair of the Princeton Township Shade Tree Commission for 15 years.