

Presenter Biographies

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Carter Craft is an urban planner specializing in transportation and waterfront issues and Director of the Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance, a bi-state coalition of groups working to improve the waterfronts and waterways of New York and New Jersey. He is an Adjunct Professor in Public Administration at New York University, and also Editor-in-Chief of **Waterwire**, a weekly electronic newsletter that is distributed to more than 3000 opinion leaders in the region. Carter previously worked for the Pedestrian Planning Division of the New York City Department of Transportation. He was involved in solving circulation and safety issues in Lower Manhattan including Pennsylvania Station and Times Square. Carter has also worked for the 42nd Street Development Corporation, the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, Routledge Publishers and NYU Press.

Lois Levitan is Program Leader of the Cornell University Environmental Risk Analysis Program (ERAP), and Senior Extension Associate in the Cornell Department of Communication, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. She conducts applied research and outreach to help citizens and policy-makers interpret scientific information about environmental risks and make informed decisions that balance levels of concern with levels of risk and social impact. Levitan's particular interests are in the framing of environmental and public health risk issues and in the interplay between social and biophysical factors in the analysis, communication and response to environmental and health risks. She received her BS in Forest Biology from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York, and masters and PhD degrees from Cornell's Department of Natural Resources. She began her career in field biology and environmental policy working as a research entomologist and beekeeper.

Laura Rauwerda is Senior Environmental Quality Analyst in the Environmental Science & Services Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. She has a B.S. in Natural Resources Management from Grand Valley State University and a Master's degree in Science Education from Western Michigan University. She has worked in the environmental protection and natural resource stewardship field for 15 years and with the State of Michigan for nine years, specializing in water quality, industrial pretreatment, and pollution prevention through source reduction and minimization. Rauwerda represents Michigan DEQ on the Great Lakes Regional Pollution Prevention Roundtable Steering Committee, focusing on pollution prevention technology diffusion, partnering across organizations and implementation of pollution prevention activity in the Great Lakes Basin. In 1992 she received recognition from the Governor as the State Winner in the Take Pride in America Program.

Robert R. Kulikowski currently is the Director of the New York City Office of Environmental Coordination where he formulates environmental policy for the city, with particular emphasis on brownfield redevelopment and sustainability. He serves as co-chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Sustainability. In this position he also oversees the city's environmental review process. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester and a doctorate in biology from the University at Albany. Following a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Chicago, he worked as a research scientist for a number of years holding faculty appointments at several medical schools. Subsequently, he was the head of New York City's radiation protection program and also worked as a consultant to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Prior to his current position, Dr. Kulikowski was the senior environmental policy advisor for the Manhattan Borough President.

C. Stewart Slater is Professor and founding chair of the Chemical Engineering Department at Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey. He has an extensive research and teaching background in separation process technology with a particular focus on membrane separation process research, development and design for pollution prevention, manufacturing sustainability, and green engineering. He received his Ph.D. in chemical and biochemical engineering from Rutgers University, where he worked on a US EPA project to develop membrane-based technologies for the remediation of hazardous landfill leachates. He has his B.S in chemical engineering also from Rutgers University. His current activities at Rowan University include federal funding from NSF and EPA and industrial collaborations with regional industries in the area of membrane and advanced separation process technology. He is an author of over 100 papers and several book chapters.

Mike Aucott holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences from Rutgers University. He has worked for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) since 1986, on solid waste, pollution prevention, and air issues. Recently, he has developed inventories of New Jersey sources of greenhouse gases, ozone-depleting gases, and mercury emissions, and managed the New Jersey Atmospheric Deposition Network project, a research effort that quantified atmospheric deposition of a number of heavy metals and other toxics throughout New Jersey. He recently co-chaired the sources subcommittee of the New Jersey Mercury Task Force. He works in the DEP's Division of Science, Research and Technology, and is in the process of completing an updated State of the Environment report that will track trends in important environmental measurements throughout the state.

Cameron S. Lory is Senior Associate and Chemical Hazards Prevention Program Coordinator for INFORM. Ms Lory was an associate interior designer with the architectural firm Gruzen Samton Architects, Planners & Interior Designers LLP. As part of the design team for the EPA headquarters in Washington, she became an expert on the specification of environmentally sustainable materials. Lory explored the ecological, health and economic aspects of interior finishes, furnishings, lighting and fabrics for large-scale institutional, educational and healthcare projects. She has had the opportunity to apply this information to such projects as the Federal Food and Drug Administration in Jamaica Queens, numerous projects with the New York City School Construction Authority, and on the recently opened Queens Family Court House and Agency Building.

Rona Cohen is the senior policy analyst for the Energy & Environment Program at the Council of State Governments/Eastern Regional Conference (CSG/ERC). Rona staffs the CSG/ERC Energy & Environment Committee, which comprises approximately 80 state officials from the 10 Northeastern states. Under Rona's guidance, the Committee is currently engaged in a collaborative project with the Northeast Recycling Council to develop a regional, legislative approach to end-of-life electronics management. Previous Committee projects include a joint study with the Environmental Integrity Project at the Rockefeller Family Fund examining how changes to the New Source Review provision of the Clean Air Act would affect emissions of air pollutants in the Northeast. Prior to joining CSG/ERC, Rona spent nearly five years working as a newspaper and wire service reporter in Buenos Aires, Argentina and New York City. Cohen holds a master's degree in international affairs from Columbia University and a B.A. in history from Wesleyan University.

Joe Bergstein is in the USEPA Region 2 Pollution Prevention Team in the Division of Environmental Planning and Protection. He has worked in the Region 2 Office of the USEPA since 1991, and previously served as a reviewer of environmental documentation in the Agency's NEPA program. Bergstein is one of the co-developers of a web-based application (NEPAssist) that facilitates the environmental planning and review process. He has been the coordinator of the Region's Performance Partnership Agreement with the State of New Jersey and more recently, the acting team leader of the Strategic Planning Team. While in the Strategic Planning Team, Bergstein helped prepare the Region's first multi-year strategic plan.

Tom Corbett is a 25-year veteran of the RCRA Hazardous Waste program with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Tom works in the Buffalo regional office and has 10 years experience working with the automotive recycling industry. Working on a mercury grant from EPA, Corbett developed procedures for automotive mercury switch dismantling and replacement. He has led New York's mercury switch collection program for seven years.

Tristan Gillespie is the EPA Region 2 Pollution Prevention Coordinator. He earned his bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from SUNY Binghamton, Master's Degree in Public Policy from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers-New Brunswick, and his law degree from Rutgers-Newark. Gillespie has been working at EPA Region 2 for the past seven years where he began as a Presidential Management Fellow. Prior to this position, he worked in the Enforcement Division as well as the Budget Division. Gillespie has been working with the golf course industry on the East End of Long Island for the past two years.

Mike Moltzen works for the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 2 office in New York City. Moltzen has been a member of Region 2's Mobile Source Team, in the Air Programs Branch, for 13 years, and has been Team Leader for four years. His team has responsibility for a wide variety of regulatory and voluntary programs that reduce air pollution from highway and non-road vehicles and engines, such as vehicle inspection and maintenance programs and innovative diesel retrofit initiatives. The team will soon be launching the Northeast Diesel Collaborative, an innovative public-private partnership aimed at developing multi-sector diesel emission reduction projects throughout the Northeast by sharing information and leveraging project funds. Moltzen attended Manhattan College in New York City, where he received two degrees in Chemical Engineering. Prior to joining the EPA, he worked as an Environmental Engineer for ICF Kaiser Engineers in Pittsburgh, PA.

Dr. Mariano J. Savelski is Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering at Rowan University. His doctoral thesis research at the University of Oklahoma was in the area of green engineering through process integration with special emphasis in Industrial Wastewater Reuse and Energy Minimization. At Rowan, he has continued his work in water reuse and wastewater minimization and his work has been extensively published and cited by other researchers in that area. Dr. Savelski has seven years of industrial experience in the design and food technology areas. He has been actively involved in undergraduate research through Rowan Engineering's clinic, and his students have presented their work at the AIChE Annual Meeting. He has supervised several industrial-sponsored undergraduate research projects with Campbell's Soup, Pepperidge Farm, DFT Inc., and General Mills.

Beau Ranheim is Section Chief of the Marine Sciences Section (MSS) of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. MSS is responsible for the harbor Survey Program, which is New York City's ambient water quality monitoring program that has been in existence since 1909. Ranheim graduated with a master's in Marine Environmental Science from SUNY Stony Brook in 1991. He previously worked with the Long Island Sound Study helping set up and collect the initial water quality sampling. He was hired by NYCDEP in 1992 and has worked in the Marine Sciences Section since that time.