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Fall 2020 Meeting

Virtual

- **Thu, Oct 15, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., with a social from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**
- **Tue, Oct 20, 8:30 - 12:00 p.m., with a social from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.**
- **Wed, Oct 21, 8:30 - 12:00 p.m.**
- **Thu, Oct 22, 8:30 - 12:00 p.m.**

Abstracts are due Sunday, October 4, by 5 p.m.

Welcome from our Hosts

**Hosted by the University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of
Oceanography**

Planning Committee

- Veronica Berounsky, University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography
- Walter Berry, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Autumn Oczkowski, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Cathleen Wigand, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Kristin Huizenga, University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography

Please return to Block Island with us (virtually) this October! NEERS has proven that we can have a great meeting without actually physically getting together, and this meeting will build on the great NEERS 50th Anniversary meeting we had in the spring. We will try as hard as we can to give this meeting a Block Island feel. Come join us!

Special Symposium

Thursday, October 15, 2020, 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. with a happy hour to follow.

ANTHROPOCENE CHALLENGES, LONG-TERM TRENDS, AND PANDEMIC-IMPOSED REFLECTIONS

The environment is always changing, but as time goes by, the pace and variability of environmental change is increasing dramatically. At the same time there are also big societal changes going on. During its 50-year history NEERS has evolved, both in its science and in its awareness of the role it plays in society (witness the increasing emphasis on stakeholder engagement and science communication at recent meetings). In the future, the pace of that evolution will have to speed up to keep pace with local, regional, and global accelerated changes in the world around us. The goal of this special session is to highlight some of the major themes that will position us to be ready for that future and the next 50 years of NEERS, including:

- The impact of climate change, sea level rise and other anthropogenic stressors on the environment and adaptation actions in response to these stressors.
- The importance of long-term data sets in our understanding of past and current conditions, and predictions of future trends.
- Our role as a scientific society in examining the intersection of social and environmental justice and the coastal environment.

INVITED SPEAKERS

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- **Candace Oviatt, URI, Graduate School of Oceanography**
- **Deborah Bronk, Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences**
- **Amelia Moore, URI, Graduate School of Oceanography**

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INVITED SPEAKERS

Danielle Perry, Mass Audubon: “Incorporating adaptive management into salt marsh climate adaptation strategies”

Candace Oviatt, URI, Graduate School of Oceanography: “A tale of two blooms in Narragansett Bay: how managed nutrient reduction and storm nutrient inputs impact primary production, commercial species and summer hypoxia”

Deborah Bronk, Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences: “The Little Lab that Could: Pandemic lessons and the future of American academia”

Amelia Moore, URI, Department of Marine Affairs: “Public Memory, Place, and Justice: Learning to See Manisses”

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract submissions for contributed oral and poster presentations are invited on any subject related to estuaries or coastal environments. Reports of work in progress as well as work in advanced stages and reviews of relevant topics are encouraged. Contributed oral and poster presentations will be scheduled for Friday morning and afternoon and Saturday morning.

Abstracts must be submitted online using the Abstract Submission form found on the Events tab at this site. A link to the form is available in this page.

All presenters must be or become a NEERS member. Information on becoming a member is included on the pre-registration form, or at [Membership](#).

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See below for (1) how to prepare your abstract, (2) presentation guidelines, (3) poster guidelines.

Presentation Options

Standard Oral - Regale us with an oral presentation of your work. These talks will be limited to 12 minutes with an additional 3 minutes for discussion.

Ignite - This fast-paced presentation style is a chance for speakers to really focus on their main message. Each speaker has 5 minutes to present 20 slides that advance automatically every 15 seconds – when your slides are done, so are you! Ignite sessions provide an opportunity to share information that might not fit into a standard oral or poster session -- the more concise speaking slot and quick slide transitions lend themselves to a more conversational and storytelling presentation style.

Poster - Poster presentations are a great way to get up close and personal with your audience. Poster presentations will be displayed throughout the meeting and dedicated time for poster viewing is built into the schedule. *We are not accepting posters for virtual conferences.*

Prizes

Students will compete for the Ketchum and Rankin Prizes for oral presentations or the Dean and Warren Prizes for posters ([prize information](#)). Students are automatically entered into the prize competition. Students who have won an award are ineligible to win that award again, though they may still compete for the other awards.

All poster presenters (students and non-students) will compete for the 3-3 Award, which includes a cash award of \$33 (judged by students). The "3-3 Rule" generally states that the main point of the poster can be understood by a viewer from 3 feet away, in 3 minutes. This award was conceived to encourage scientists to convey information more clearly to other scientists and the public. Please see the

Poster Guidelines section below for more information. Many thanks to the folks at SEERS for the idea and judging form.

All attendees may compete in the Poster Trivia Contest; the winner's prize is a one-year \$20 membership in NEERS. Details will be provided at the poster session. Meeting attendees answer a series of trivia questions based on the poster presentations. A winner is chosen by lottery from complete and correct submissions.

Instructions for Preparing Abstracts

Please select your first, second, and third choice for presentation format. Although we will try very hard to accommodate everyone's first choice, selecting multiple options increases the likelihood of securing a spot in the program. Options will include: Standard Oral Presentation - Regular Session; Ignite Oral Presentation; Poster; and Invited Oral Presentation - Thursday Special Symposium.

If you are submitting your abstract for presentation in the special symposium, select "Invited Oral Presentation, Thursday Special Symposium", which appears under First Choice only. For this meeting, all symposium speakers will be invited by the meeting hosts, see the Special Symposium page for more details.

A confirmation page will be emailed to you upon successful submission of your abstract to the NEERS website. If you do not receive this confirmation email, please resubmit your abstract. Contact the Webmaster with recurring problems. Following the deadline for submitting abstracts, all submissions will be confirmed by the program chair and the lead author will be notified of his/her scheduled time. Contact one of the Program Chairs with questions.

1. Abstracts are to be submitted electronically. If you are having problems with the submission form, contact the Webmaster.
2. All abstracts have a 1750-character limit (about 250 words). The character limit includes spaces, and applies to the body of the abstract only; the authors and title are excluded from the character limit. Web page submissions are constrained automatically to the allotted amount of text, you will be prompted if your abstract exceed 1750 characters. You may determine your character count with your word processing program.
3. Author/Address field. Author names have last names spelled out and initials for first (and middle if appropriate) names. If there are multiple authors, list all authors first followed by all addresses in the Sample Abstract format, and place an asterisk following the last name of the presenter. If authors are from different institutions, use numbers in parentheses to associate individuals with the correct address (no numbers are necessary if all authors are from the same institution). Addresses should include the institution, town, and state -- no streets, no zip codes. Separate addresses with semicolons.

4. The presentation title must be in capital letters.
5. Special characters. Do not use your Word Processing program for special fonts such as underlining, italics, superscripts, or subscripts, as these font codes will not be transmitted correctly via the web form. Rather, use the following codes for special fonts. For example, for the genus *Zostera* to appear in italics it should be surrounded by the "start italics" and "end italics" codes as follows: `<i>Zostera</i>`

Codes	Font Type or Symbol
<code><i></i></code>	italics
<code><u></u></code>	underline
<code><sup></sup></code>	superscript
<code><sub></sub></code>	subscript
<code>&delta</code>	δ
<code>&mu</code>	μ
<code>&alpha</code>	α
<code>&Delta</code>	Δ
<code>&reg</code>	®

Note that these special codes are counted towards the total number of characters in your abstract.

*** SAMPLE ABSTRACT FORMAT***

Cadillac*, M. T.(1) and I. M. A. Hiker (2).

(1) Department of Environmental Sociology and Outdoor Recreation, Coastal College, State-of-Mind, ME; (2) Department of Trail Maintenance, For Est College, ME.

A SYSTEMATIC SAMPLING OF THE ALLURE OF ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

Acadia National Park boasts many dazzling spectacles, including the pounding surf of Thunder Hole, stunning views of Somes Sound and Frenchman Bay, and the first glimpse of sunrise in the US. Evidence suggests, however, that the park's true charm lies in its quiet beauty. We hiked ten trails from sea level to mountain summit, paddled eight 5-km stretches of island shoreline, and biked along 100 km of carriage

roads, recording observations at regular intervals. Results confirm the importance of cumulative, small pleasures to the park's allure, such as sights of cliffs tumbling into the sea, islands emerging from the fog, pristine marshes, 300+ species of birds including breeding peregrine falcons, dense *Ruppia* and eelgrass beds, and diverse woodlands. We conclude that excursions off the loop road will enhance visitor experiences.

Presentation Guidelines

For an In-person Conference: The conference computer (PC) will use PowerPoint. Please be sure to check your presentation for compatibility with PowerPoint.

We will load all PowerPoint presentations onto a laptop with the Windows operating system well before each session. Please bring your PowerPoint presentation on a USB thumb drive to the projection desk at the NEERS meeting. We will load your presentations the evening before your talk. Please make sure your file can be read by another computer before you hand it in. Speakers should not plan to use their own computers for their presentations.

For presentations that include graphics or media other than standard PowerPoint slides (e.g., complicated animations or embedded video clips), authors should plan to review their presentation at the meeting well in advance of their presentation time. Please have a back-up in mind, should the animations or video not work correctly - our "AV techs" are volunteers and will not be able to assist you in troubleshooting.

For a Virtual Conference: You will be using your own computer - we can't help you with any technical issues you may encounter, as we are not set up for that.

Prior to the meeting, we will have a mandatory "run of show" for presenters (a short appointment, look for an email about two weeks before the meeting) - this will allow you to get familiar with the controls of the online platform, make sure you are able to share your screen, and share any animations or videos. This is your chance to test your computer and audio connection before the pressure is on! If needed, please procure a headset and microphone, NEERS does not supply any equipment.

A few tips for online presenting:

- Just like at in-person meetings - be enthusiastic and engaging. Even though you will feel like you are talking to yourself (and staring at a computer screen), lots of folks are listening in, excited to hear what you have to share.

- Practice a bit if you can, especially if you are new to virtual platforms.
- Minimize the distractions in your background - including phones, computer notifications, and family members. We do love your family and want them to join us, but not during the presentation. We have to keep to our schedule and would likely veer off track while entertaining ourselves with your kids and pets!

Poster Guidelines

We are not currently accepting posters for *Virtual Conferences*.

During *In-person Conferences*, we will host a poster session. Presenters are expected to be present during the dedicated poster viewing sessions. Posters may be mounted beginning Thursday evening. All posters will remain on display through Saturday morning.

In designing your poster, keep content simple and provide a clear message in text that is large enough to read from a distance. Further details can be provided in discussions with attendees or via a handout that also includes your contact information. Good resources for preparing posters can be found at:

<http://www.ncsu.edu/project/posters/>

NEERS will have available our foam-core mounting boards, pushpins, and tape to display posters. The maximum poster dimensions are 36" x 48". For those of you who prefer conversational discussion of your work, this may be the most appropriate presentation style. If you have special needs (a power outlet, etc.) contact the meeting organizers listed at the bottom of the [Meeting Overview](#) page.

All posters will be eligible for the 3-3 Award, which includes a \$33 cash prize (judged by the students). The "3-3 Rule" generally states that the main point of the poster can be understood by a viewer from 3 feet away, in 3 minutes. This award was conceived to encourage scientists to convey their information clearly to the public. The award is not meant to trivialize presentations into just "pretty" formats without serious content. Rather, the award is sincerely intended to urge presentation of data and information in a simple, understandable format – a "story" – without large blocks of text. The intent is for the presenter to think like the viewer – is the story clearly presented with only its essential elements? "Viewer" includes not only fellow scientists in your field – rather, the entire NEERS audience, from physiologist to geologist, and perhaps, ultimately, the general public. Streamlining makes the storyline easy to understand. This understanding facilitates interaction. (Many thanks to the folks at SEERS who provided the original 3-3 idea and the judging form.) Two additional resources to help get you thinking are provided below...

- [Creating Effective Poster Presentations](#) from NC State University
- [Designing an Effective Research Poster](#) from UC Merced

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REGISTRATION OVERVIEW

To register, go to the registration form on the "Events" page. A link is provided at the right.

Registration is open through the last day of the meeting.

For our virtual meeting, the early registration rate is the same as our normal registration rate. Many thanks to our sponsors, their contributions have allowed us to keep registration rates low.

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Loyal NEERS members: annual dues are collected at the spring meeting and apply to one calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31).

Please note - you can defer payment by selecting "invoice me." This allows you to bundle your membership fee, registration fee, and any donations into a single credit card payment. NEERS appreciates this, as each credit card charge comes with a transaction fee.

Registration Fees

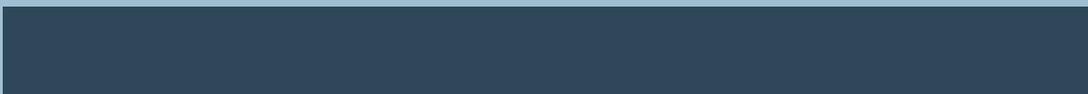
	Early Registration Rate	Regular Registration Rate
student	\$0	\$0
member	\$10	\$10
non-member	\$30	\$30
one-day student	\$0	\$0
one-day member	\$10	\$10
one-day non-member	\$30	\$30

Add-Ons	Cost
Abstract Submission Fee	always free
Regular Membership	\$20
Student Membership	\$5
Field Trip	not available
Box Lunch, provided at end of meeting	not available
Social Events or Special Meals	free

Included with Registration

Access to the meeting platform for the meeting program and social events.

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MEALS & SOCIAL EVENTS

No meals are included in this virtual meeting, but please join us for some fun social events!

Coffee Breaks: see program

We will keep the meeting platform open during breaks so you all can chat and watch photos of past Block Island meetings!

Post-Symposium Social: Thursday, October 15, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Come and relax after the Special Symposium and before dinner on our virtual platform.

Social Hour (Game Time!): Tuesday, October 20, 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

We will have a "traditional Block Island-Walter Berry game" to share.



Walter Berry, Game Master

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FIELD TRIPS

This is a virtual meeting, so-unfortunately, no field trips are planned.

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