







## Wilderness Ethics Panel Bios

**Laura Waterman**, longtime advocate for wilderness, is a board-member of the Waterman Fund and an accomplished author of both fiction and nonfiction. With hiking, climbing, and other outdoor pursuits acting as their polestar, Laura and husband Guy penned *Wilderness Ethics* in 1993; since its publication it has become a seminal text in the environmental literature genre. A long-time resident of New England, she acted as a trail steward along the Franconia Ridge in the White Mountains for nearly two decades, and has volunteered with numerous other hiking and conservation organizations in the Northeast.

**Rebecca Oreskes** worked for the U.S. Forest Service for nearly 25 years, in a variety of positions, many of which we're focused on recreation management and wilderness stewardship. She was chair of the Chief's Wilderness Advisory Group and recipient of the Bob Marshall Individual Champion of Wilderness award. She left the Forest Service to pursue interests in writing, growing vegetables and studying Ayurvedic medicine. She currently serves on the editorial board of the International Journal of Wilderness and is a trustee of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

**Rick Paradis, PhD** is the Director of the University of Vermont (UVM) Natural Areas Center, and as its director oversees the administration and management of the University's Natural Areas System, providing outreach services and professional development for those interested in the protection and management of natural areas and conservation lands. Rick is also a faculty member in the UVM Environmental Program, teaching courses in research methods, land conservation and stewardship, natural history, ecological restoration, conservation biology, and ecology. His research is focused on the landscape histories and land conservation legacies of distinct mountain and arid ecosystems where he attempts to elucidate the relationship between ecology and culture and how this relationship has influenced both historical and contemporary conservation, stewardship, and restoration beliefs and practices. His field instruction and research have taken place around the New England landscape, the American Southwest, the Canadian sub-arctic, and the Highlands of Scotland. Rick is the past President of the Waterman Fund.

Liz Willey, PhD is a core faculty member in the Environmental Studies Department at Antioch University New England teaching course in Biostatistics and Vertebrate Ecology. She works with university, agency, non-profit, and student collaborators to undertake regional, rare wildlife conservation planning efforts in the northeastern U.S. She has worked at many sites in New England but addresses ecological questions across a range of environmental conditions, from alpine systems in Québec, Newfoundland and Labrador, to tropical forest systems on the Yucatán peninsula with a special focus on evaluating the effects of landscape composition, structure, and change on those systems. Liz is also the co-author of the "Eastern Alpine Guide."

**Kyle Rodd** is an M.S. candidate in Antioch New England's Environmental Studies department, with a concentration in Conservation Biology. Kyle graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with a self-designed B.A. in Ecopsychology, his areas of study including ecopsychology and psychoterratic illnesses, evolutionary psychology, environmental literature, Ecofeminism, and sense of place. For years Kyle has been an outdoor educator working with Mass Audubon and other Massachusetts-based organizations, specializing in nature-based mentorship, rock climbing, animal tracking, and wilderness- and primitive-living skills.

**Peter A. Palmiotto, PhD** is the Director of the Conservation Biology concentration and a core faculty member in the ES Department at Antioch University New England. Peter also directs the MERE Project and teaches courses in research methods, wildlife and forest management, botany, and leads field trips to the Adirondacks and White mountains. His research focuses on the dynamics of forested and alpine ecosystems. Peter is a current member of the Waterman Fund.