

Learning from the Ramsar Designation of the Niagara River Corridor
*Honoring the International and Local Importance of Environmental
and Cultural Treasures*

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

AGENDA

12:00 p.m. **Registration & Lunch**

12:30 p.m. **Welcome:** Professor Kim Diana Connolly

Opening Remarks: Dean Aviva Abramovsky

Moderator: Cade London, Policy Advisor to the Assistant Director for International Affairs, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

12:40 p.m. **Royal Gardner**, Professor of Law and Director, Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy, Stetson University - *Global Wetland Outlook: Enhancing the Network of Ramsar Sites*

1:05 p.m. **David Stroud**, Senior Ornithologist Emeritus, Joint Nature Conservation Committee - *The Global Importance of Protecting Wetlands in a Time of Change*

1:15 p.m. **Jajeen Rose-Burney**, Deputy Executive Director, Western New York Land Conservancy - *Why Niagara? How the Niagara River Corridor Aligns with the Criteria of the Ramsar Convention*

1:40 p.m. **Lynda H. Schneekloth**, Professor Emeritus, University at Buffalo Department of Architecture - *Shifting the Imagination of a Region: The Power of a Niagara River Ramsar Designation*

2:05 p.m. **Break**

2:15 p.m. **Maria Rivera**, Senior Advisor for the Americas, Ramsar (Written Remarks)

2:20 p.m. **Kim Diana Connolly**, Director of Clinical Legal Education, University at Buffalo School of Law - *Navigating the Designation Process for Complex Ramsar Sites: Insights from the Niagara River Corridor*

2:45 p.m. **Francis Marrano, Esq. & Eamon J.P. Riley, Esq.**, University at Buffalo School of Law '18 - *Environmental Awareness Created by Global and Grassroots Cooperation: Understanding the Legal Implications of a Ramsar Designation*

3:10 p.m. **Max Finlayson**, Professor, Institute for Land, Water and Society - *Delivering the Sustainable Development Goals through the Ramsar Convention*

3:35 p.m. **Q&A and Discussion**

4:00 p.m. **Program Conclusion**