

Human/Nature: A Symposium on Reconciliation Ecology

SUNY Oneonta, Oneonta, NY
Friday, October 21, 2005

This is an invitation to participate in this important symposium organized by The Catskill Institute for the Environment, a consortium of seven colleges in the Catskill Region of New York State. Our membership also includes regional biological field stations, environmental organizations and governmental agencies. This will be our fifth annual symposium. We are planning for approximately 300 participants who will hear presentations and take part in discussions with nationally recognized leaders in this emerging area of ecological theory and practice. The audience will include a broad spectrum of environmentally active and knowledgeable students, scientists, and concerned citizens.

The theme of this symposium is especially important as the Catskill Region is, in many ways, a globally significant experiment in the reconciliation of human activities with the environment in the watershed of New York City. Much of the Catskill Region is protected by the State of New York [the Catskill Park] and by New York City. However this is an inhabited landscape and the economic well-being of the people who live and work in the region must be reconciled with the necessity of preserving the water quality of this huge unfiltered system.

Keynote Address

Michael Rosenzweig, Professor of Ecology at the University of Arizona and author of *Win – Win Ecology*.

Professor Rosenzweig has set the national agenda for the study of *Reconciliation Ecology*. His presentation will highlight Reconciliation Ecology as a complement to the traditional approaches of *Reservation Ecology* [setting aside biodiversity hot-spots in reserves protected from human activity] and *Restoration Ecology* [attempting to remediate losses of biodiversity due to human activities].

Major presentations

“Reciprocity and restoration: restoring relationships between land and community”

Robin M. Kimmerer, Professor of Environmental and Forest Biology, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, NY

“Native American Land Claims and the Environment”

Invited:

“Restoration of the Riparian corridors in the New York City Catskill Watershed”

Invited:

“Changing Emphasis in Reservation Ecology”

Invited:

“Lessons from Urban Ecology”

Synthesis of research at Rutgers University.

Discussion will follow each presentation. There will be poster presentations of Catskill programs and commercial displays.