

**Crossroads in the Concrete Jungle:  
Experiences and Explorations of Urban Plants and People  
Symposium Schedule - Sept 22, 2016 - Rutgers University**

Institute for Food, Nutrition, and Health (IFNH), room 101, Cook Campus, Rutgers University, 61  
Dudley Road, New Brunswick, NJ, USA

- 8:00**      **Registration** and pickup of symposium materials (outside room 101)
- 8:30**      **Welcome** by Laura Lawson, Dean of Agricultural and Urban Programs, Rutgers University
- Introduction** by Dr. Lena Struwe, Rutgers
- 8:45-12**    Invited international **keynote talks** spanning the four themes of the symposium:
- 8:45**      **Ian MacGregor-Fors**, Instituto de Ecología, A.C. (INECOL), Xalapa, Mexico:  
*Plants and the City: Tales from Latin America*
- 9:30**      **Pierre-Olivier Cheptou**, Centre d'Ecologie Fonctionnelle et Evolutive, Montpellier, France:  
*Plant adaptation to urban environments*
- 10:15**      **Coffee Break**
- 10:30**      **Maria Ignatieva**, Dept of Urban and Rural Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden:  
*How to design with nature in the globalized world: Urban biodiversity as a design tool*
- 11:15**      **Lindsay Campbell**, US Forest Service, Northern Research Station, New York, NY:  
*Governance, stewardship, and experiences of urban nature*
- 12:00**      **Lunch** (available for purchase at Harvest Café)
- 1:15**      **Introduction** to afternoon session by **Steven Handel**, Center for Urban Restoration Ecology, Dept of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources, Rutgers:  
*A new vision for urban areas*
- 1:30**      **Theme 1: Ecology and Evolution of Urban Plant Species**
- Myla Aronson**, Dept of Ecology, Evolution, & Natural Resources, Rutgers:  
*Plants in the City: Global to Local Patterns of Diversity in Response to Urbanization*

- Lauren J. Frazee & Lena Struwe**, Dept of Ecology, Evolution, & Natural Resources, Rutgers: *Green biodiversity in parking lots - How extreme environments create novel plant communities*
- 2:00 Theme 2: Globalization and Migration of People and Plants**
- Julie Lockwood**, Dept of Ecology, Evolution, & Natural Resources, Rutgers: *More people, more plants: non-native plants in urban environments*
- Laura Schneider**, Dept of Geography, Rutgers: *Globalization as an indirect driver to the success of invasive species in peri-urban environments*
- 2:30 Theme 3: The Urban Experience and Landscape Design**
- David Seiter**, Future Green Studio, New York, NY: *Exploring Rogue Territories*
- Wolfram Hoefler**, Dept of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers: Title *TBD*
- Richard Alomar**, Dept of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers: *Urban Sketching and Urban Plants*
- 3:15 Coffee Break**
- 3:30 Theme 4: Plant Science Education and Outreach in Urban Environments**
- Ari Novy**, US Botanic Garden, Washington, DC: *A Fresh Approach to Plant Education in the Urban Context*
- Marielle Anzelone**, NYC Wildflower Week, NY: *Connecting to Native Flora in the Urban Landscape*
- Arianna Lindberg**, Dept of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers: *Small-scale Farming in an Urban Context*
- 4:15 Panel Discussion** with the keynote speakers, moderator Lena Struwe  
Summary of the symposium focusing on "The creation of a global network focused on urban plant evolution and education - how, when, what, who, and why?"
- 5:00 Poster Presentations and Reception** in the first floor lobby of Foran Hall (Cook Campus, Rutgers University, 69 Dudley Road, New Brunswick, NJ)  
Judging for prizes for Best Poster by Graduate Student and Best Poster by Undergraduate Student.