

# 2023 Maine-New Hampshire Climate Networks Exchange

Thursday, March 9, 2023

**Location:** Casco Bay Room, South Portland Community Center, 21 Nelson Rd., South Portland, ME

**Event Webpage:** [www.nhcaw.org/2023-nh-me-climate-networks-exchange/](http://www.nhcaw.org/2023-nh-me-climate-networks-exchange/)

**Hosts:** NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup (CAW) and ME Climate Change Adaptation Providers Network (CCAP), in conjunction with the Northeast Safe and Thriving for All (NEST) project, funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

**Workshop Objective:** Foster a network prepared for and responsive to climate migration



## AGENDA

9:00am	<b>Sign-in, Refreshments, and Networking</b>
9:30am	<b>Welcome and Orientation:</b> <i>Julia Peterson</i> – NH Sea Grant Extension <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>CAW co-chair: Abigail Lyon</i> – Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership</li><li>• <i>CCAP co-chair: Nathan Robbins</i> – Maine Department of Environmental Protection</li><li>• <i>Event Moderator: Parker Gassett</i>, Maine Sea Grant</li></ul>
9:45am	<b>Presentation and Discussion: Overview of climate migration in ME and NH</b> ( <i>via zoom</i> ) <i>Linda Shi</i> – Assistant Professor, Department of City and Regional Planning, Cornell University
10:30am	<b>Panel: Why is climate migration an issue right now?</b> <i>Moderator: Vanessa Levesque</i> – Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Science and Policy, University of Southern Maine <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Judy East</b> – Director, Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry</li><li>• <b>Ryan Fecteau</b> – Senior Advisor for Community Development and Strategic Initiatives, Maine Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation and the Future</li><li>• <b>Ben Frost</b> – Deputy Executive Director / Chief Legal Officer, NH Housing</li><li>• <b>Kirsten Howard</b> – Resilience Program Coordinator, NH Department of Environmental Services Coastal Program; PhD student, University of New Hampshire</li></ul>
11:30am	<b>Presentation and Discussion: Blue Hill Bay Case Study Analysis</b> <i>Rachel Bouvier</i> – Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Southern Maine; Founder and President of rbouvier consulting
12:00pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00pm	<b>World Café Exercise: How can our communities prepare for climate migration?</b> <i>Session Facilitator: Dave Reidmiller</i> – Gulf of Maine Research Institute For two scenarios, consider the role that a changing climate plays, who is impacted and in what ways, what challenges and opportunities arise, and what a prepared community looks like.
2:15pm	<b>Networking and Reflection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who is or should be involved in community preparedness and in what ways?</li><li>• What additional information/engagement do we need to better plan for potential scenarios?</li></ul>
2:45pm	<b>Plenary Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Themes from the day</li><li>• Network considerations</li><li>• Next steps</li></ul>
3:15pm	<b>Adjourn</b>