

2018 College Canopy Conference

Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education
Clayton State University
Morrow, Georgia
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- 9:00 – 9:05 a.m. **Welcome & Announcements –**
Mary Lynne Beckley, GUFC
Susan Granbery, Georgia Forestry Commission
- 9:05 – 9:10 a.m. Welcome from CSU President Tim Hynes
- 9:10 – 9:25 a.m. **History of Clayton State University & Campus Tree Program**
VP of Business and Operations, Corlis Cummings
- 9:25 – 10:05 a.m. **How changing landscapes affect human risk to West Nile Virus?** Graeme Lockaby, Research Professor, School of Forestry and Wildlife Science, Auburn University will report on his study on the linkages between forest cover, water quality, and community and human health.
- 10 minute break**
- 10:15 – 11:10 a.m. **Campus Participation Success Stories: From Citizen Science to Tree Committees, and Everything in Between...**
Facilitated by Agnes Scott College Sustainability Director Susan Kidd.
- **Web-based and Mobile GIS Applications used for Crowd-sourcing and Citizen Science in Urban Forestry**
Dr. Allison Bailey, Associate Professor at the Institute for Environmental & Spatial Analysis at the University of North Georgia
We'll learn how Dr. Bailey has worked with her students in producing North Georgia campus tree inventories; practicing self-reporting of trees in their communities and natural areas in North Georgia; identifying invasive privet and determining appropriate treatment; and using the crowd-sourcing Story Map template to create a global tree awareness project.
 - **Best Practices for Communicating with your campus community about projects and events.** Getting people on campus to understand urban forest management and working together with administration, faculty, students and the community is a challenge. CSU staff will discuss CSU Tree Committee, campus safety run, GPS tracking and tagging of trees.
 - **Agnes Scott College's Campus Tree Management Plan**
Agnes Scott is in the process of developing a long term tree care plan. As the first step in this process a student intern is updating the calculation for the campus tree canopy coverage, working with the college's consulting arborist and volunteers. The team at Agnes Scott has put together a variety of community participation tools as part of this canopy calculation and tree care planning effort. During the session they will present what has been most successful thus far, and the ideas they anticipate using for the remainder of the project. Creative student participation tools will be highlighted.
- 5 minute break to gather for walking tour**

11:15 – 12:15 p.m.

Trail Walk (approximately 1 mile long - golf carts available for those with limited mobility): This tour will include **labeled, tagged, QR coded tree plantings**; the **legendary Spivey Hall**; the **Butterfly Garden, managed by the Clayton State Retirees Association**; the **Pollinator Garden**, designed and installed to bring research experiences to students as part of their biology course experiences, and **The Lakeview Discovery and Science Center**, which is **Georgia Peach Belt Green Building Certified**. The Peach program recognizes buildings owned or managed by the State of Georgia that optimize energy performance, increase the demand for materials and furnishings produced in Georgia, improve the state's environmental quality, conserve energy, protect Georgia's natural resources and reduce the burden on the state's water supply.

12:15 – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch in Atrium (first floor, view of lake) – **Tree Campus USA overview (10 minutes)** by Susan Granbery, U & CF Coordinator, Georgia Forestry Commission.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Breakout sessions:

- **Establishing a campus arboretum, pollinator garden, and butterfly garden on your campus. (ROOM 331)** With Brookwood Tree Consulting's Chris Hughes and Clayton State's Dr. Jere Boudell.
- **Right Tree, Right Location. (ROOM 325)** Jamie Blackburn, Arborist, Arborguard, will talk about why it's important to place the right tree species in the right place on your campuses.
- **Technical topic: Tree risk assessment – What should you be doing to keep people safe? (ROOM 203)** Art Morris, Board Certified Master Arborist, New Urban Forestry, Athens. CSU remarks on their campus practices.

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion: Preventing Mosquito-borne illnesses on campus (ROOM 203)

Experts share information about emerging threats and the best practices to protect the public from these pests and diseases. Speakers include:

- Rosmarie Kelly, Ph.D., MPH, Vector-Borne & Zoonotic Diseases Team, Environmental Health Section, Georgia Department of Public Health
- Angie Davis, Clayton County Board of Health Environmental Health Manager
- Robert Seamans, City of Statesboro, Superintendent of Engineering/Public Works, Streets and Parks Division, Past Board member of Georgia Mosquito Control Assoc.

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