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## Spring 2013 Meeting

~12 p.m. Thursday, April 11 to ~12 p.m. Saturday, April 13

[The Clarion Hotel](#)

(Hotel bookings at the negotiated conference rate begin on January 23rd.)

Portland, Maine

Post-meeting field trips will be offered Saturday afternoon.



### Important Due Dates:

February 15 - abstracts due

March 6 - student travel award application due

March 11 - last day for conference rate at the hotel

March 24 - online meeting registration due

April 3 - registration payment due to Treasurer



## Hosts

Bates College, Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, and Casco Bay and Estuary Partnership

Local Organizers: Bev Johnson (Bates College, Geology Department), Susan Adamowicz (Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge), Will Ambrose (Bates College, Biology Department), Curtis Bohlen (Casco Bay Estuary Partnership), Laura Sewall (Bates College, Harvard Center for Community Partnerships)

Join us as we venture to the northernmost member state of the New England Estuarine Research Society! We will discuss science, management, and education issues concerning estuarine and coastal ecosystems. You can do all this while enjoying the scenic area of Portland, Maine.

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Organizations are always welcome to be meeting sponsors and support is greatly appreciated. Please contact NEERS treasurer, [Cindy Delpapa](#), to learn about our sponsorship levels and how to support the NEERS meeting.

## Meeting Details

[Special Symposium](#) - "Current Coastal Research: A Symposium in Honor of Michele Dionne"

Speakers will be invited, but poster contributions are welcome. Please indicate on your registration that you would like your poster

included in this session.

[Call For Papers](#) - presentation guidelines and submission form. Abstracts due Friday, February 15.

[Registration](#) - fee schedule and submission form. Registration due March 24. After this date, please register on-site.

## Society

[Students](#) - Presentation prizes and student travel awards.

**Business Meeting** - The NEERS Business Meeting will be held after the last presentation on Friday afternoon. All meeting participants are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion.

[Program](#) - final version

[Abstracts](#) - on-line access

[Meeting Evaluation Form](#) - Please respond, we'd like your input! (This is a .docx download.)

## Accommodations & Activities

[Accommodations](#) - Hotel information. Register by March 11th for the conference rate.

[Meeting Site](#) - Meeting venue and local attractions.

[Field Trips](#)

[Meals and Social Events](#)

[Directions](#)

New! - a morning [yoga session](#)! Pre-register to attend this Friday, 6:30am session; \$10 / \$5.



## Contacts

**General Information and Requests for Special Accommodations** - [Bev Johnson](#) (207-786-6062) and [Will Ambrose](#)

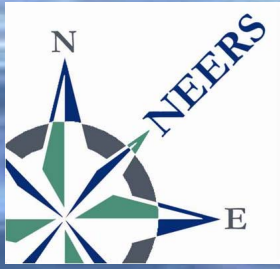
**Abstracts or Other Program Concerns** - [Hilary Neckles](#)

**Registration, Student Travel Awards** - [Cindy Delpapa](#)

**Website Issues** - [Jamie Vaudrey](#)

Having trouble accessing the email addresses? Download a .pdf of the [Team NEERS](#) contact information.

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## Special Symposium

**Thursday, April 11, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Symposium Title: "Current Coastal Research: A Symposium in Honor of Michele Dionne"**

This will be followed by a social hour.

The symposium will take place on Thursday, April 11 and will "kick-off" the NEERS meeting. The symposium will include a special poster session, following the scheduled oral presentations.

All speakers will be invited by the meeting hosts. Poster contributions are welcome from any meeting attendee. Please indicate on your registration that you are interested in presenting your poster as part of this symposium.

### Background and Goals:

Dr. Michele Dionne was a major influence on many scientists, educators and conservationists working in New England coastal ecosystems. She and her colleagues made significant advances in (1) developing indicators for assessing the ecological status of salt marshes, (2) understanding the nutrient dynamics and foodweb ecology of various coastal habitats, and (3) studying the processes of tidal wetland degradation and restoration.

The goals of this symposium are to honor Michele's work in coastal ecosystems.

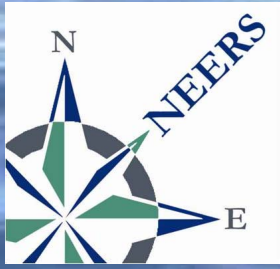
**Location - [main meeting venue](#)**

### Symposium Program

Chairs:



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## Student Awards

### Travel Awards

Three \$100 travel-awards will be awarded by NEERS, plus additional awards have been donated by our sponsors.

Graduate and undergraduate students who are giving presentations at this meeting and are members of NEERS (by the meeting date) may apply. Travel awards may also be offered to non-presenting students if sufficient funds are available; students are welcome to contact the NEERS Treasurer about availability of such support for general student travel. Selection will be made by lottery and will not affect eligibility for student presentation prizes.

To apply for a travel award, send an email with your abstract attached to the NEERS treasurer, [Cindy Delpapa](#), by March 6. Provide your name, address, college or university, email, and telephone number. In addition, please have your faculty advisor send the treasurer an email certifying that you are a student in good standing. Award applicants will be notified of award status by March 13.

As always, NEERS greatly appreciates donations to the Bill Niering Student Travel Endowment fund (student endowment contributions can be made when you pre-register).

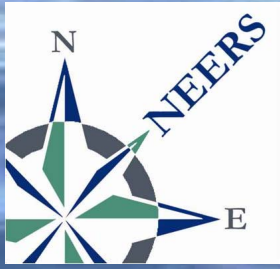
### Presentation Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to students chosen by the judging panel in four categories: graduate student oral presentation (Buck Ketchum Prize, \$100), undergraduate student oral presentations (Stubby Rankin Prize, \$100), graduate student poster presentation (David Dean Prize, \$100) and undergraduate student poster presentation (Scott Warren Prize, \$100). All eligible students will be automatically entered into the appropriate presentation prize competition.

Papers and posters are judged by a committee in terms of overall effectiveness, scientific content, and quality of the presentation. Students are strongly encouraged to review the [scoring criteria](#) in advance.

Students who have won an award are not eligible for that award again, but can compete for a different award. NEERS appreciates contributions towards the endowment fund for these prizes, so give generously when you pre-register. One free Banquet ticket is provided for the lead author of each student presentation.





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## Conference Accommodations

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### [Clarion Hotel](#)

1230 Congress St  
Portland, ME, US, 04102  
Phone: (207) 774-5611

NEERS rooms are reserved until March 11th (after this date, standard rates apply).

Please identify yourself as registering for the NEERS conference rate. Check in time is 3 p.m.

conference room rate = \$69 + tax

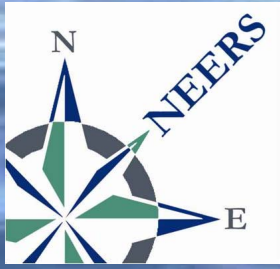
PLEASE NOTE: We negotiated a lower room rate for the conference, but this rate does not include breakfast. Breakfast is available at the hotel restaurant or at other establishments in the local area.

## Other Options

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Portland boasts a multitude of hotels and bed & breakfasts. Most options are viewable by searching the web.

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## Meeting Venue

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The Spring 2013 meeting of the New England Estuarine Research Society (NEERS) will be held at the Clarion Hotel, Portland Maine.

Located in Portland, the Clarion Hotel is just 2 miles to the attractions, shopping and the breathtaking waterfront of Old Port.

### [Clarion Hotel](#)

1230 Congress St

Portland, ME

Phone: (207) 774-5611

[DIRECTIONS](#)

## Night Life

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Portland provides plenty of options for evening and daytime [entertainment](#).

## Local Attractions

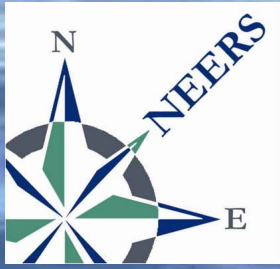
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[Suggestions from Clarion Hotel](#)

[Suggestions from Trip Advisor](#)

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## Field Trips - Saturday afternoon

### New this meeting - you have the option of attending a yoga class.

Friday morning, 6:30am to 7:30

Location – Clarion Hotel

\$10 for members and non-members, \$5 for students and retirees.

Participants should bring their own yoga mat or a towel.

The instructor will be Aleksandra, owner of [Spiral Tree Yoga](#). Please check her website if you have questions about the style of yoga to be offered.



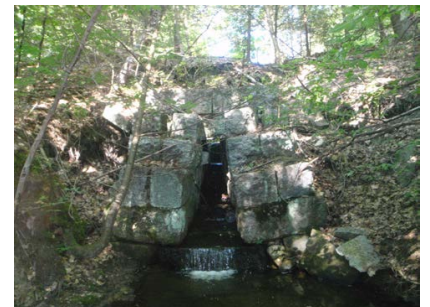
Pre-registration is highly recommended - if we do not have enough participants registered, the class will be cancelled. Walk-ins will be permitted, assuming the class is not full (12 is the maximum).

### Field Trips

We will car pool / convoy to visit several anadromous fish / fish passage restoration sites in the Portland area along the Presumpscot River and Mill Creek, with brief walks to look at



the unique aspects of each site. None of the stops involve long difficult walks, but it's April in Maine and things are likely to be muddy. Some stops may involve scrambles down steep banks, so shoes suitable for that kind of thing would be helpful. Also,

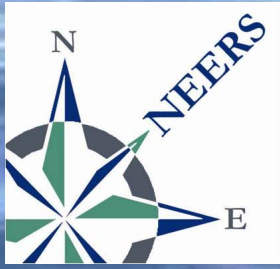


there's a real possibility of picking up deer ticks that time of year so routine precautions are a good idea (light-colored clothing, tucking pant legs into socks, using a DEET- or permethrin-based repellent on clothing). Exact locations are still being lined up but will likely include examples of dam removal, fish ladders, and culvert replacement/addition of fish passage

structures.

No box lunch option is available on the registration form. We will place a group order with a local shop for those attending the field trips. More information will be provided once we are at the conference.

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## Meals and Social Events

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### **NEERS Welcoming Social - Thursday, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Location: Clarion Hotel

Time: 5:00 p.m.

The Welcoming Social will be held immediately following the Symposium. There will be light refreshments served (including complimentary beer and wine) and a chance to mingle and chat about topics of estuarine and coastal significance with the astute and erudite NEERSians gathered for this special meeting.

Thursday dinner is not offered as part of the conference. The hotel can offer suggestions for restaurants.

### **NEERS Awards Social, Banquet, and Evening Festivities - Friday, ~6:30 p.m.**

Location: [Mariner's Church Banquet Center](#)

Time: ~6:30 p.m. - until we are done

Members and friends are invited to sign up for the banquet when they register (\$40). The banquet will be a buffet at the historic Mariner's Church building, constructed in 1828. The banquet site is located in Old Port, about 3 miles from the Clarion Hotel. Bus transport to and from the banquet is included with the dinner, as parking in Old Port can be difficult and/or expensive.

The student awards for best oral and poster presentations will be awarded at the close of the banquet.

As always we will be on the lookout for the next Stickleback Award winner, so dance late and make sure you're physically (if not mentally) present at the first talk the next morning.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE BANQUET, only those that pre-register for the banquet can be guaranteed a meal due to space limitations. Please indicate whether you will attend on the meeting registration form. The caterers are aware of dietary restrictions. If you would like to discuss any accommodations for dietary restrictions, contact Bev Johnson who can be reached at [bjohnso3@bates.edu](mailto:bjohnso3@bates.edu).

Students delivering an oral or poster presentation (as lead presenter) and entered into an Undergraduate or Graduate presentation prize competition attend for free. All eligible students will be automatically entered into the appropriate presentation prize competition.

## Other Meals

Meeting registration includes mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks, the Thursday social, and lunch on Friday. No dinners are included with registration.

### **Breakfast**

Breakfast is not included with the cost of registration or in the room rate at the conference hotel. Breakfast is available for purchase in the hotel restaurant or at a number of local restaurants. Please ask at the hotel reception desk for suggestions.

### **Friday Lunch**

This meal is included with the cost of registration. The offerings are pizza, (some without meat), vegetarian minestrone and salad.

### **Saturday Lunch**

More information coming soon. We are likely to send in a group order to a local sandwich shop.

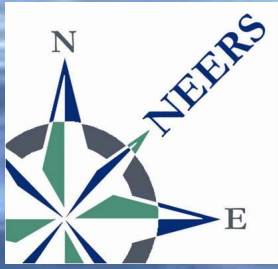
### **Thursday Dinner**

Thursday dinner is not offered as part of the conference. The hotel can offer suggestions for restaurants.

### **Dietary Concerns?**

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## Call For Papers

### Abstracts are due Friday, February 15, 2013

**Abstract Submission Form is Inactive**

The deadline for submitting abstracts has passed. Contact the Program Chair, [Hilary Neckles](#), with questions.

Abstract submissions for contributed oral and poster presentations are invited on any subject related to estuaries or coastal environments. Reports of work in progress as well as work in advanced stages and reviews of relevant topics are encouraged. Contributed oral and poster presentations will be scheduled for Friday morning and afternoon and Saturday morning.

Oral presentations will be limited to 15 minutes with an additional 5 minutes for discussion. There will be a poster session associated with the Symposium on Thursday following the oral presentations, and a second general poster session on Friday afternoon. Poster presentations will be displayed throughout the meeting.

Students can compete for the Ketchum and Rankin Prizes for oral presentations or the Dean and Warren Prizes for posters ([prize information](#)).

Abstracts must be submitted online (link above) by February 15, 2013.

All presenters must be or become a NEERS member. Information on becoming a member is included on the pre-registration form, or at [Join NEERS](#).

### Instructions for Preparing Abstracts

All abstracts have a 1750-character limit (about 250 words) including spaces. The character limit applies to the body of the abstract only, the authors and titles are excluded from the limit. All words in the title should be CAPITALIZED. Author(s), address(es), and presentation title must appear in the proper format. Use footnotes to minimize the space for addresses when multiple authors are from more than one institution. Include full name, e-mail address, and telephone number of presenting author. Even if you would prefer an oral presentation, please consider checking the "oral preferred but poster okay" option if you are willing to present a poster instead. This greatly facilitates final scheduling.

Please indicate on the web submission form if you are submitting your abstract for presentation in the special symposium. For this

meeting, symposium speakers will be invited by the meeting hosts, see the [Special Symposium](#) page for more details.

A confirmation page will be printed immediately upon successful submission of your abstract to the NEERS website. If you do not receive this confirmation page please resubmit your abstract. Contact the web master, [Jamie Vaudrey](#) , with recurring problems. Following the deadline for submitting abstracts, all submissions will be confirmed by the program chair and the lead author will be notified of his/her scheduled time. Contact the Program Chair, [Hilary Neckles](#), with questions.

### **PowerPoint Presentations**

The conference computer (PC) will use PowerPoint 2010. Please be sure to check your presentation for compatibility with this version.

We will load all PowerPoint presentations onto an IBM-compatible laptop well before each session. Please bring your PowerPoint presentation on a USB thumb drive to the projection desk at the NEERS meeting. We will load your presentations the evening before your talk. Please make sure your file can be read by another computer before you hand it in. Speakers should not plan to use their own computers for their presentations.

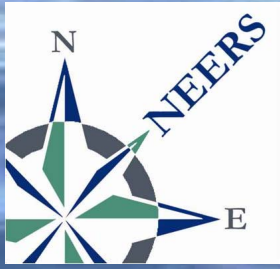
For presentations that include graphics or media other than standard PowerPoint slides (e.g., complicated animations or embedded video clips; photographic slides or overheads), authors will need to make additional arrangements. Please contact the webmaster, [Jamie Vaudrey](#) , for more information.

### **Poster Guidelines**

There will be a poster session associated with the Symposium on Thursday following the oral presentations, and a second general poster session on Friday afternoon. Presenters are expected to be present during their dedicated poster viewing sessions. General-session posters may be mounted beginning Thursday evening. All posters will remain on display through Saturday morning.

NEERS will have available our foam-core mounting boards, pushpins, and tape to display a poster of 40" x 60". Due to the size of the poster room, posters can be no larger than 40" x 60". For those of you who prefer conversational discussion of your work, this may be the most appropriate presentation style. Please check the poster option on your abstract form. If you have special needs (a power outlet, etc.) contact the webmaster, [Jamie Vaudrey](#) .

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## Registration

**Early registration has ended. Full registration rates apply.**



**Registration Form is Inactive**

The deadline for pre-registration has passed.

You may register on-site. Banquet tickets may not be available. Contact the treasurer, [Cindy Delpapa](#), with questions.



Have you already registered but forgot to use the PayPal button? Click [here](#) for help...



Payment accepted by check, money order, PayPal, or credit card (via PayPal).

## Registration Fee Schedule

	early registration rate	registration / walk-in rate
student	\$30.00	\$50.00
member	\$75.00	\$95.00
non-member	\$95.00	\$115.00
one-day student	\$15.00	\$30.00
one-day member	\$25.00	\$40.00
one-day non-member	\$45.00	\$60.00

Registration includes all coffee breaks, the Thursday Social, and lunch on Friday. Members and friends are invited to sign up for the Friday banquet when they register. Early registration is required for the banquet, banquet tickets may be unavailable after the early registration deadline. See the [Meals and Social Events](#) page for details on the options being offered.

## Additional Fees

NEERS membership - student\* \$5.00

NEERS membership - regular*	\$20.00
<a href="#">Friday Banquet Ticket</a> **	\$40.00
<a href="#">Saturday Box Lunch</a> ***	TBD
<a href="#">field trips</a>	free
Friday <a href="#">yoga</a> (6:30am)	\$10 for members; \$5 for students & retirees

\* The registration form includes the option to join NEERS ([membership details](#)). Loyal members, **annual dues are collected at the spring meeting.**

\*\* Students who are lead presenters and entered into the Undergraduate or Graduate prize competitions receive a complimentary banquet ticket. For everyone, pre-registration is highly recommended, tickets are usually not available for walk-in registrations.

\*\*\* Saturday box lunches will be ordered and paid for once attendees are at the meeting. Please look for more information at the registration desk.

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