

“UNH – Sea to Sky: Research to Outreach”

**WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS**

**Community Transportation Development in New Hampshire:  
Concept to Reality**

Presenter: Sönke Dornblut, Clinical Assistant Professor, [UNH Institute on Disability](#)

This presentation introduces the concept of community transportation. Why is community transportation necessary and how might it be created in a rural region of New Hampshire? The Contoocook Valley Transportation Cooperative is used to briefly illustrate assessment strategies and development approaches.

**Following Nature’s Lead: An Ecological Approach to Landscaping**

Presenters: Cathy Neal, Extension Professor/Specialist, Ornamentals and  
Mary Tebo, Extension Educator, Community Forestry

With spring finally here, it’s time to think about our gardens and landscapes in a fresh new light! Following Nature’s Lead: An Ecological Approach to Landscaping will help both new and experienced gardeners create beautiful and functional landscapes that consider New Hampshire’s ecosystems, protect water quality, and lower inputs and maintenance. This presentation by Mary Tebo and Cathy Neal is based on two new [UNHCE publications](#), and offers a new way of thinking about how we design, plant, and care for the land and its resources around our homes, offices, and communities.

**UNH Survey Center – Data Collection Resources for UNH Cooperative Extension Staff**

Presenter: Andy Smith, Director, [UNH Survey Center](#) and  
Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science

The University of New Hampshire Survey Center provides data collection and data analysis resources for researchers at UNH and other universities. This talk will highlight what the Survey Center can offer: telephone, web, and mail surveys focus groups and statistical analysis.

**Commercial Fisheries: From Collaborative Research to Outreach and Industry Adoption**

Presenter: Ken La Valley, Extension Assistant Professor/Zoology &  
Water Resources Specialist

Fisheries research has evolved from solely an academic pursuit to a highly integrated collaborative between the fishing industry and fisheries scientists. With more than \$25 million funding cooperative projects since 1999, [NH Fisheries Extension](#) has focused on transferring the results of this work to the industry and into marine resource management. This presentation will highlight several fisheries extension programs and discuss the obstacles encountered and the strategies implemented to alleviate them.

**Voting with Your Feet: NH and New England Demographic Trends  
from the Carsey Institute**

Presenter: Kenneth Johnson, Senior Demographer, [Carsey Institute](#) and  
Visiting Professor of Sociology

The Carsey Institute is becoming a leading national center for policy research on youth, working families, and sustainable development in small cities and rural communities. It provides sophisticated research and makes it accessible to practitioners who focus on community development. Dr. Johnson will give a dynamic presentation based on his recent research on New Hampshire and New England demographic trends and discuss how the decisions people make about where to live affect communities and the region.

### **New Hampshire's Changing Climate and What You Can Do**

Presenter: Denise Blaha, Co-Director, [New Hampshire Carbon Challenge](#) and Research Associate, UNH Complex Systems Research Center

This session will give an overview of New Hampshire's changing climate and highlight projections for this century. We will then emphasize simple steps residents can take to reduce their carbon emissions and save money in the process through the New Hampshire Carbon Challenge. Think there's nothing you can do to slow climate change? Join us and learn the many ways you can be part of the solution!

The New Hampshire Carbon Challenge™ (NHCC) is a UNH initiative committed to providing New Hampshire residents and communities with the information, tools and support necessary for households to reduce their residential carbon dioxide emissions by 10,000 pounds per year. A key objective of the NH Carbon Challenge is to develop a duplicable residential outreach model using research-based behavioral change tools that target the root causes of climate change inaction and use the networks and community organizations that can foster personal behavioral change.

### **Recent Parenting and Child Maltreatment Research & Evaluation in New Hampshire**

Presenter: Glenda Kaufman Kantor, Ph.D., Research Associate Professor, [Family Research Lab & Crimes Against Children Research Center](#)

This presentation will review the findings of recent studies funded by the federal government and the NH Endowment for Health conducted by the Presenter in NH and Maine. The studies encompass the topics of child maltreatment, child neglect, parental substance abuse interventions by NH Division of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), and health care problems of children from families involved with child protective services. Specifically, the studies include a 5-year evaluation of NH DCYF's Project First Step, a study of child neglect including the development of a computerized child self-report assessment tool, and a study of how caregivers for children involved with NH DCYF view children's health problems, and access to health services, particularly mental health services in NH. Major topics to be addressed include key findings from the studies and implications for policy and practice including working with families on areas related to prevention of child maltreatment, addressing risk factors, assessment, and gaps in the systems of care.

### **Farm to Fork to Nutrition Outcomes: Promoting a Sustainable Future**

Presenters: Joanne Burke, Clinical Assistant Professor, Animal & Nutritional Sciences and Nathan Duclos, [NH Farm to School Program](#) Coordinator

From farm, to fork, to health and nutrition outcomes, to the emerging [UNH Center for a Food Secure Future](#), the University of New Hampshire is committed to integrating sustainability practices as integral operating principles throughout the University and beyond. This workshop is designed to provide Extension Educators with an update of current programs and initiatives including our Farm to School and College programs, updates on the Hospitality Services initiative including a preview of new and improved Dairy Bar offerings, integration of sustainability concepts in the classroom and internship curriculum, and descriptions of the mission and goals of our New Hampshire Center for a Food Secure Future. Selected educational resources focused on integrating sustainability concepts will be highlighted throughout the presentation.