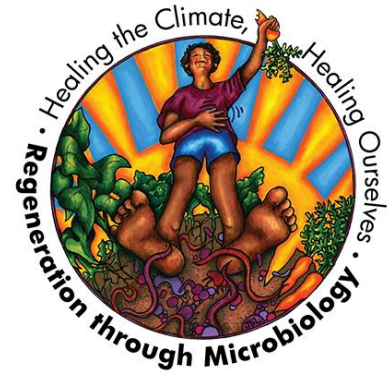


Permaculture Track 2015 NOFA Summer Conference

The workshops in this track present permaculture-based approaches to organic agriculture and ecological design that offer perspectives, skills, and ideas for regenerative land use and creative community building. *See listing below.*



August 14-16, 2015

University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA

What else is going this year?

- *** [Check out this 3 minute video to learn what this conference is all about!](#)
- **144 WORKSHOPS for adults:** Find complete listings of this year's workshop on organic farming, gardening and land care, homesteading, nutrition, food politics, and more [organized by CATEGORY here](#) OR [organized by TIME SLOT here](#).
- **FIVE PRE-CONFERENCE INTENSIVE SEMINARS:** On Friday, August 14, there will be [five simultaneous seminars](#) on these topics: 1) Healing Your Body with the GAPS Nutritional Protocol; 2) Creating Herbal Remedies for Digestive Wellness; 3) Carbon Farming: Regenerative Agriculture for the Climate; 4) Pastured Poultry: From Brooder to Bag; 5) Becoming a Backyard Beekeeper
- **OTHER EVENTS:** 100+ [exhibitors](#) from all over the Northeast, workshops and activities for teens and children, an afternoon fair with farm animals, [live music and dances](#), and an ALL-LOCAL dinner. Stay on campus in the dorms or camp in a tent under the stars.
- **KEYNOTE PROGRAMS:**
 - Friday Night, August 14 – [Keynote Address by Dr. Natasha Campbell-McBride.](#)
 - Saturday Night, August 15 – [Keynote Address by Ronnie Cummins.](#)

[Register Now!](#)

*** Register by July 17, 2015 and get a \$20 discount.

9) Multi-Resource Forest Management for Small Farms **PC Track** *Beginner*

Campus Center 162-75

Friday, August 14, 2:00-3:30PM

Connor Stedman: Ecological designer, agroforester, and educator based in the Hudson River Valley.

With planning and stewardship, forests can host diverse enterprises and provide many products and services. This workshop will discuss sugaring, understory forest farming, wildlife and game habitat, wild food and medicine, silvopasture, timber and cordwood, coppice, artisan materials, and ecological restoration. Throughout we'll explore how to increase forest health, productivity, and diversity through observation and stewardship.

34) Productive Riparian Buffers **PC & SCC Tracks** *Intermediate*

Campus Center 162-75

Friday, August 14, 4:00-5:30PM

Connor Stedman: Ecological designer, agroforester, and educator based in the Hudson River Valley.

Climate change is increasing the severity and frequency of flooding throughout the Northeast. This workshop explores agriculturally productive buffers as an emerging option for river lands and beyond. We will discuss the science and functionality of riparian buffers as well as planning, potential crops, and funding considerations for productive buffers.

43.5) Applying Permaculture to the Farm **PC Track** *Intermediate*

Campus Center 168C

Saturday, August 15, 8:00-9:30AM

Keith Morris: Grower, builder, and designer, creating ecologically regenerative and economically viable food systems.

Meghan Giroux: Director of Vermont Edible Landscapes, specializing in developing agro-ecosystems.

Join with professional designers to explore how permaculture can be used by market growers to create more profitable and resilient farms. We'll introduce a process for site analysis and long-term (even intergenerational) farm design and planning, and we'll explore specific techniques for production-scale systems.

81) Woodland Duck Polycultures **PC Track** *All levels*

Campus Center 174-76

Saturday, August 15, 10:00-11:30AM

Steve Gabriel: Author, *Farming the Woods*; ecologist; educator, Cornell Small Farms; farmer.

I have been raising ducks for five years for meat, eggs, and farm ecosystem benefits (i.e. slug and pest predation). This workshop will cover the basics of raising ducks and how they have been put to work at Wellspring Forest Farm to support mushroom, sheep, and vegetable production.

95) Gardening in Small Spaces **PC Track** *Intermediate*

Campus Center 168C

Saturday, August 15, 1:00-2:30PM

Carolyn Edsell-Vetter: 15 years' experience designing and maintaining small urban gardens.

We will explore examples of small-scale gardens, from roof decks to small urban yards, including some space-saving technologies and particular plants suited to tight quarters. We will also spend some time on bringing permaculture lessons to bear on urban contexts.

102) Permaculture design for Bioregional Economies **PC Track** *Intermediate*

Campus Center 174-76

Saturday, August 15, 1:00-2:30PM

Andrew Faust: Premier Permaculture teacher with over two decades of experience.

Permaculture design meets human needs with ecological integrity. We can provide food, fuel, fiber, and energy in synergistic ways that strengthen community economies and reconnect people with their natural beauty and biology. By cooperating regionally and designing ecologically we create and insure healthy and secure economies, landscapes, and communities.

152) Whole Life Design: Applying Permaculture Principles to your Life **PC Track** *Intermediate*

Campus Center 904-08

Sunday, August 16, 10:00-11:30AM

Jonathan Bates: Abundance of life, family and friends came from a garden.

Do you long for the time and courage to live a life that's truly in line with your deepest values? In this workshop I'll show you how our family focused our life on what matters, creating abundance for ourselves and others, and freeing up time to enjoy it all.

174) Water Management for Farm and Homestead **PC Track** *Intermediate*

Campus Center 917

Sunday, August 16, 1:00-2:30PM

Jono Neiger: Permaculture and ecological designer, homesteader, ecologist, and lover of the land.

Managing water is critical for crops, livestock, and farm/homestead function. Water management practices contribute to positive carbon farming. We'll look at water catchment, storage, and distribution; working with water on steep hillsides and floodplains. Strategies and practices such as, terraces, swales, ponds, irrigation, keyline, and mulch will be discussed.