

## Speakers

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> *Saleem Ali*

*Rubenstein School of Natural Resource, University of Vermont*

[Saleem H. Ali](#) is associate professor of environmental planning and conflict resolution at the University of Vermont and adjunct associate professor at Brown University's Watson Institute for International Studies. He is also a senior fellow at the United Nations Mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica and a member of the expert advisory group on environmental conflicts for the United Nations Environment Programme with a specific interest in research on peace parks. Dr Ali is also a member of the World Commission on Protected Areas and the IUCN Taskforce on Transboundary Conservation.

> *Sean Britt*

*Conservation Director, Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Y2Y)*

Sean Britt acquired a Bachelor of Arts in History and Anthropology from Wheaton College in Massachusetts before working in research and conservation for the international non-profit organization Earthwatch Institute. After building two research and education initiatives in the Yellowstone to Yukon region and Cuba with Earthwatch, Sean completed a Master's of Historical Archaeology from the University of Massachusetts Boston with a concentration in archaeobotany. The focus of his work was the historical relationship between humans and the environment as examined through analysis of charred fuel sources from a colonial Caribbean sugar plantation. Sean originally hails from Boston and made the move west to Calgary in 2005. Sean is currently Conservation Director for Y2Y, overseeing the development of landscape scale conservation strategies for the region, regional collaborative conservation plans and a partnership network of over 290 organizations.



> *Len Broberg, PhD/JD*

*Environmental Studies Program, University of Montana*

Dr. Broberg combines his nine years experience in the practice of law with his training in conservation biology to teach and research in the area of biodiversity conservation and environmental policy/law. He has published in Journal of Forestry, Bioscience, Wildlife Society Bulletin and several chapters for books on transboundary topics. For the past seven years he has been a co-leader of the Transboundary Planning, Policy and Management Initiative with Dr. Michael Quinn of the University of Calgary, Faculty of Environmental Design, a graduate research and education initiative spanning the borders of Montana, USA and Alberta and British Columbia, Canada. He is currently Director of the Environmental Studies Program at The University of Montana.



> *Robert Brunner*

*Nationalpark Thayatal, Austria*

Robert Brunner is the Managing Director of the Nationalpark Thayatal in Austria. His training in geography and physical and regional planning led to many years of work with the Austrian Institute for Regional Planning in Vienna and with the Austrian National Parks DonauAuen and Thayatal. He has worked as an international expert on transboundary cooperation with the German Federal Agency for Nature Protection and has also worked on behalf of the Austrian Ministry for Environment, IUCN and EUROPARC to address transboundary co-operation of protected areas in Europe. Robert has been a member of the WCPA Executive Committee for Europe since 1998.



> *Charles Chester*

*Centre for Environmental and Resource Policy, The Fletcher School, Tufts University*

Charles C. Chester is the author of *Conservation Across Borders: Biodiversity in an Interdependent World* (Island Press 2006). He teaches the course International Biodiversity Conservation at The Fletcher School of Tufts University, and the course International Environmental Conflict and Collaboration at Brandeis University. He has worked for the Henry P. Kendall Foundation on a range of domestic and international conservation issues, for the Union of Concerned Scientists on global biodiversity issues, and for the World Foundation for Environment and Development on bioprospecting. He currently serves on the boards of the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative, EcoLogic Finance, and the New England Chapter of the Society for Conservation Biology, and is a previous board member of Bat Conservation International. Before graduate school he worked on toxic waste site remediation and indoor air quality issues, and he received his Ph.D. from The Fletcher School in 2003.

> *Bill Dolan*

*Manager, Resource Conservation, Waterton Lakes National Park*

Bill Dolan has worked for Parks Canada in the resource conservation function for almost 30 years across five national parks in western and northern Canada. He grew up in southern Manitoba, completed his BSc in Zoology at the University of Manitoba and obtained his MSc in Wildlife Management from the University of Toronto. Bill moved to Waterton Lakes National Park as the Chief Park Warden in 1990 from Inuvik where he had been the first on site manager in Canada to manage a national park established by a comprehensive land claim – Northern Yukon or Ivvavik National Park. The experience gained in this cooperative management regime has been beneficial over the past 14 years in Waterton Lakes. Bill continues to work on transboundary issues with others including the Nature Conservancy of Canada, provincial agencies, the Waterton Biosphere Association and the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. Bill and his wife Debbie live near Waterton Park and have two children who are attending university in Alberta.



> *Robert Fincham*

*Centre for Environment, Agriculture and Development (CEAD), University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*

Robert Fincham is Professor and Director of CEAD, an interdisciplinary center which he helped found in the late 1990s. He has been involved in postgraduate teaching and student supervision within the Environmental Management and Protected Area Management Masters programs in the Centre as well as in the supervision of PhD students working in the environmental management and conservation fields. His students come from a diverse set of African and other international backgrounds and with a focus of their research on issues of co-management, community conservation and, more recently, the use of open space in and around urban centers. He has worked closely with the provincial conservation body, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, facilitating communication between the organization and stakeholders, assisting with policy formulation around ex situ wild animal and primates, hunting in protected areas and with working with the organization's Community Conservation division. He has been involved in the collaborative program on Protected Area Management with the University of Montana since 1998 and he is also the leader of the African Leadership Program (ALS) which has been modeled on the International Seminar on Protected Area Management hosted by the University of Montana. ALS was successfully launched to wide acclaim in 2006.



> *Wayne Freimund*

*Department of Society and Conservation, University of Montana*

Wayne Freimund has been a member of the faculty of the University of Montana since 1993. He was Director of the UM Wilderness Institute for seven years and is now Professor and Chair of the Department of Society and Conservation. He is involved in teaching upper division and graduate level courses in wildland recreation management and wilderness studies. He has conducted numerous studies for the National Park Service associated with the Visitor Experience and Resource Protection Program and has a continued interest in understanding and monitoring the use of National Parks. His graduate students have also studied the use of technology in wilderness education; socio-political changes to the western U.S. and their implications for public land policy, and issues such as recreation fees and social justice (both in the U.S. and in Africa). He has been working since 1998 on a cooperative program in Protected Area Management with the University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, and is co-leader of the International Seminar on Protected Area Management hosted by the University of Montana each August. He is on the executive committee of the Consortium on Protected Area Management (CIPAM) and a member of the IUCN-WCPA.



> *Anna Grichting*

*Graduate School of Design, Harvard University*

Anna Grichting is an architect and urbanist. She is currently a Teaching Fellow and Doctoral Candidate at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Her ongoing research on boundary landscapes and divided cities seeks to relate the physical rifts with the psychological barriers as well as addressing the questions of memory and forgetting in territories of trauma. Her work is currently focused along the East-West Fault Line, the rift and seam of the oriental and western cultures and since 2003 she has been documenting the transformations of the buffer zone that divides the island of Cyprus and the capital city of Nicosia, as well as researching transboundary landscapes and environmental Peace Parks. She is interested in exploring the disciplines of environmental landscape and urban planning as instruments of mediation and as catalysts for reconciliation. Her former research on divided cities resulted in a diploma project for the Berlin Wall in 1989, a Master's thesis on the Reclamation and Projecting of Boundary Zones, as well as a competition design for the new Parliament of Reunified Germany on the former site of the Berlin wall.



> *Dr. Lawrence Hamilton*

*Islands and Highlands Environmental Consultancy*

*Senior Advisor - Mountains, World Commission on Protected Areas, World Conservation Union (IUCN)*

Emeritus Professor of Forest Conservation at Cornell University, has driven logs in Northern Ontario, been a pilot in the Royal Navy (Fleet Air Arm), and loved mountains all his life. He is Partner in Islands and Highlands Environmental Consultancy, and Senior Advisor (Mountains), for the World Commission on Protected Areas, World Conservation Union (IUCN). He is the author, co-author or editor of approximately 320 publications. He is active in the local and regional community in projects such as Tree Warden for the Town of Charlotte, and Trustee, for The Nature Conservancy of Vermont. He was Senior Fellow at the East West Center (Hawaii) for 14 years, Professor at Cornell University, New York for 29 years, and a Zone Forester for the Ontario Government in Canada for three years. Lawrence is the Recipient of the National Science Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship 1964, at University of California (Berkeley), two Fulbright-Hayes Fellowships (One from the University of New England (Australia) 1969, and the other from the University of Waikato (New Zealand) 1978), and the Visiting Professor Award, University of Queensland (Australia) 1972. Awards he has won include Forest Conservationist of the Year for 1969, New York State Conservation Council; Environmental Achiever Award, Friends of UNEP, 1987; Distinguished Scientist for Cloud Forest Conservation from the University of Hawaii, 2004; King Albert Gold Medal for Mountain Conservation Leadership, 2004.

> *Brace Hayden*

*Regional Issues Specialist, National Park Service, Glacier National Park, USA*

Brace Hayden's duties as Regional Issues Specialist encompass working to resolve issues that impact the park from outside park boundaries. Brace has worked at Glacier since 1989.

From 1984 to 1988 Brace worked in the Office of the Governor of Montana as a natural resources advisor and as the Executive Director of the Flathead Basin Commission. From 1982 to 1984 Brace worked as an environmental consultant in Denver and between 1975 and 1982 he was employed by the Montana Department of State Lands in various capacities including environmental planner and Administrator of Montana's Mined Land Reclamation Division.

Brace has Bachelor of Science degrees in Agricultural Economics and in Wildlife Biology from the University of California at Davis and the University of Montana respectively. He also has a Master of Science degree in Forest Resource Conservation from the University of Montana. Brace resides in Kalispell, Montana. He and his wife Kathleen have 3 children.



> *Hall Healey*

*The DMZ Forum Inc.*

Mr. Hall Healey is currently Interim President of The DMZ Forum, an NGO dedicated to preserving the Korean DMZ for conservation and peace. He is a professional environmental facilitator and consultant, conducting training, facilitation and planning projects in the US, Russia, China and Korea; helping establish conservation partnerships in the US, Russia, Korea and Mexico; helping groups that manage watersheds develop strategic natural resource management plans. Mr. Healey has a BA degree in Political Science from Colgate University and an MBA from the University of Chicago Executive Program. He has written two publications: "Environmental Management" for American Management Association's (AMA) Manufacturers Handbook and Packaging and Solid Waste, co-authored. He served in the U.S. Air Force in Turkey, Vietnam and Thailand. He is a Board of Trustees member of the Illinois Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, the world's largest non-profit conservation organization and on the Governing Board of the Brookfield Zoo.



> *Kate Kendall*

*Research Biologist, USGS-Biological Resources Division, Glacier Field Station, Glacier National Park*

As the Leader of the Northern Divide Grizzly Bear Project, she directs a research team that is using hair snaring and DNA analysis to determine the size and distribution of the grizzly bear population in the Glacier NP – Bob Marshall Wilderness Ecosystem. She came to NW Montana in 1982 after studying grizzly bears in the Yellowstone Ecosystem for 6 years.



> *Harvey Locke*

*Senior Advisor-Conservation, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society*

Harvey Locke is senior advisor conservation to the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, strategic advisor to the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative and a member of the World Commission on Protected Areas. Harvey has been heavily involved with land use issues in an around Waterton park for the last 15 years including representing land owners to prevent subdivision on the park's boundary, the public processes that led to the current park and townsite management plans, recent efforts to expand Waterton park, and the Flathead Wild campaign. He was the lead organizer of Protecting the World's Mountain Corridors and Peace Parks Conference that brought delegates from around the world to Waterton in 2004. Harvey also co-authored the Waterton- Glacier case study in Transboundary Conservation, 2005 and was the resource person to the Canon National Parks Scholars retreat in Waterton in 2006.



> *Nikita (Nik) Lopoukhine*

*Chair, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas*

Nikita was born in Paris France. He completed a BSc. Forestry Degree from Syracuse University in 1968 and a MSc. Diploma in Plant Ecology from the University of Saskatchewan in 1972. Nikita was employed by the Canadian Forestry Service and Environment Canada (the latter mostly in Halifax NS). He also completed an assignment with Treasury Board, Program Branch prior to joining Parks Canada in 1981. From that time, until his June 2000 appointment as Executive Director, Ecological Integrity, Nikita was employed as science advisor in ecology in the National Parks Directorate. In May 2001 Nikita was appointed Director General of the National Parks Directorate and retired in July 2005. Nikita was elected Chair of the World Commission on Protected Areas at the November 2004 IUCN - World Conservation Congress.



> *David Mabunda*

*Chief Executive, South African National Parks*

Madoda David Mabunda was born at Mataffin farm estate, Nelspruit in 1958. He matriculated at Tembisa High in 1979 and trained as a teacher at Mgwenya College (Kanyamazane). He obtained his B.A. and B.A. (Hons) (History of Labour) degrees at Vista University; an M.Ed degree in Education Management at the Victoria University of Manchester (UK) *cum laude*; and a post-graduate diploma in Development Studies from Wits University. He has authored and co-authored several articles in education, land reform and recently chapters in two published books on the Kruger National Park and the Vth World Parks Congress.

Mabunda taught at various primary and high schools and lectured at Mgwenya College before becoming the youngest Inspector of Education at the age of 31. In 1994 he left education for land reform and spearheaded the restitution process in Mpumalanga. In 1998 he joined the Kruger National Park as its first black director and he is credited for turning it around financially and transforming it from being an apartheid dinosaur to an organization for all South Africans. Mabunda is currently Chief Executive of South African National Parks since 01 November 2003. He serves in many Boards including the Lowveld Chamber of Business and Tourism (LCBT), which awarded him, among many under his belt, the LCBT Tourism Personality Award for 2003 in recognition of his contributions to tourism in the region whilst he was Director of the Kruger National Park.

His thesis, entitled ***An Integrated Tourism Management Framework for the Kruger National Park, South Africa, 2003***, provides a fresh perspective in bridging the gap in the universal paradox of “preservation *versus* public use” that confronts conservation agencies all over the world. Using the Box and Whisker Plot and the Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) statistics the study proposes a broad-based tourism management framework that will help balance biophysical imperatives, community involvement, tourism development, financial viability and compliance with reasonable tourism industry norms when providing tourists with ecosystem services. The study unraveled fourteen tourism and recreational values that should underpin the KNP tourism product in a quest to balance its mandate of achieving biophysical and socio-economic values for the benefit of the public. This is the first study in the history of the Kruger National Park to base tourism development on scientifically researched data rather than artificial conjecture.



> *Dave Quinn*

*Program Manager, Wildsight ([www.wildsight.ca](http://www.wildsight.ca)), Kimberley, British Columbia*

Dave is a wildlife biologist who has worked with endangered mountain caribou, badger, and swift fox populations, as well as threatened lynx, fisher, and grizzly populations in the Y2Y region. Dave is a widely published photographer and author, who works as a wilderness guide for part of the year.



> *Michael S. Quinn, Ph.D.*

*Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary*

Mike is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary. He is the Director of Research and Liaison for the Miistakis Institute of the Rockies, an affiliated institute of the University of Calgary that conducts applied ecosystem management research. Mike has a keen interest in transboundary natural resource management issues and protected areas. He co-directs the Transboundary Environmental Policy, Planning and Management joint initiative between the University of Calgary and the University of Montana. Mike's teaching and research occurs at the intersection of the natural and social science with particular emphasis on the management of resources at the landscape scale.



> *Trevor Sandwith*

*Co-ordinator, Cape Action for People and the Environment*

*Deputy Chair, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas*

Trevor Sandwith is a biologist and conservation strategist, having worked in nature conservation planning and management in Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia. As Head of Planning for KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife in South Africa until 2001, he was responsible for systems and protected area planning and management, as well as ecotourism development, community conservation and world heritage programmes. He facilitated the development of the Maloti-Drakensberg Transfrontier Conservation and Development Programme. He is the Deputy Chair of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas and chairs the Commission's Task Force on Transboundary Conservation, producing several publications dealing with strengthening capacity and governance in transboundary conservation. He is currently the Co-ordinator of C.A.P.E. (Cape Action for People and the Environment), South Africa's multi-agency programme to secure the protection of the Cape Floristic Region, the world's smallest and richest ecoregion. The programme is committed to developing biodiversity resources in a way that supports South Africa's social transformation and ensures that people benefit. Trevor is based at the South African National Biodiversity Institute at Kirstenbosch, Cape Town, and is the Chairman of the Flower Valley Conservation Trust, an NGO that promotes sustainable harvesting of fynbos while ensuring that farm workers achieve sustainable livelihoods.



> *Bartolomeu Soto*

*National Director of Conservation Areas, Mozambique*

*Head, Transfrontier Conservation Areas, Mozambique*

Bartolomeu completed his training as a Veterinarian in Mozambique in 1989 and immediately joined the Wildlife Department. At this time Mozambique was undergoing widespread civil war that destroyed the country's assets and the natural resources. In 1990, talks began between government and the rebels, heightening the expectations of the proximity of peace.

Bartholomeu has been involved in the process of post war planning for the rebuilding of protected areas systems and wildlife in Mozambique. One of the projects that was considered in 1991 was the Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCA's) . The intention was to apply for Global Environment Facility (GEF) funds. In 1992 Bartholomeu was appointed Head of the Wildlife Department. The year 1992, was particularly important because in October the government and the rebels signed the peace agreement.

In 1993, Bartholomeu completed a BSc Honors in Wildlife Diseases at the Veterinary Faculty at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. In 1994, he returned to his post as Head of the Wildlife Department where he was involved in the implementation of the various projects for rehabilitation of National Parks, and community based conservation projects throughout the country. The Transfrontier Conservation Areas Project was in its last phase of preparation. It had already identified the Maputo, Gaza and Manica provinces to be implemented.

The project become effective in May 1997 funded by the GEF trough the World Bank. From that period on he become the Project Manager for the Mozambique TFCA. The TFCA project aimed amongst other things the Institutional Strengthening, through the logistical support to the Wildlife Department, Training, policy development (ii) Habitat and Wildlife Management (iii) Community Mobilization (iv) International collaboration in natural resources management

### ***Bartolomeu Soto (cont'd)***

Through the project he was involved in creation of an International Committee between Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe, which worked towards the signing of the Transfrontier agreements. There were three Transfrontier Agreements that he was involved with, namely: (i) The Lubombo Transfrontier Conservation Areas and Resource management Area (South Africa Swaziland and Mozambique) (ii) the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park (Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe and the (iii) Chimanimani Transfrontier Conservation Areas (Mozambique and Zimbabwe).

In 2006 Bartholomeu was appointed the National Director of Conservation Areas, a position that he holds along with that of the Head of the Transfrontier Conservation Areas project. Currently the Transfrontier Conservation Areas has 34 million dollars and aims to support both conservation and tourism in TFCA's.



#### *> Roland Stein*

*Pfälzerwald - Vosges du Nord Transboundary Biosphere Reserve, Germany*

Roland Stein is the transboundary coordinator of "Pfälzerwald - Vosges du Nord" Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (Germany / France). He chairs the European hub of IUCN WCPA's Task Force on Transboundary Protected Areas, is an associate lecturer and trainer on intercultural communication and management at the EURO-Institute for Transboundary Co-operation and a postgraduate researcher in ethno-ecology at the University of Landau. He has worked for WWF U.S. as the principal technical advisor of an ICDP in Madagascar and for international development agencies on indigenous conservation knowledge, local community involvement and biodiversity conservation in Papua New Guinea and Zaire. Roland Stein has worked in Southern Africa as a trainer on capacity-building for transboundary conservation area co-operation and as a facilitator of various international workshops on Parks for Peace. Together with the EUROPARC Federation he developed the "Basic Standards for Transfrontier Co-operation between European Protected Areas" and worked as a consultant on transboundary conservation issues in Central, Southern and Eastern Europe. He is a member of the IUCN WCPA - CEESP Theme on Indigenous/Local Communities, Equity and Protected Areas (TILCEPA).



#### *> Gary Tabor*

*Director, North American Program, Wildlife Conservation, Bozeman, Montana.*

Previously, Gary established and directed the Wilburforce Foundation's Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Program, which promotes science and conservation to maintain ecological connectivity between parks and protected areas in the Rocky Mountain region of US and Canada. Since 1995, Gary has played a catalytic role in transforming Y2Y from theory to on-the-ground reality. Trained as a wildlife veterinarian and an ecologist, Gary's career spans international and North American wildlife conservation domains. His international conservation background includes eight years of work in East Africa and a year in Surinam in South America. Since returning to the U.S., Gary has advised five private foundations with their environmental giving, advancing ecosystem-based conservation in the U.S., Canada and Australia. He also served as the founding executive director of the Consortium for Conservation Medicine, an ecological health collaborative between Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, the Wildlife Trust, Harvard Medical School, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the USGS National Wildlife Health Center.



> *Yongyut Trisurat*

*Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Thailand*

[Yongyut Trisurat](#) obtained his Ph.D. in Natural Resources Conservation at the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok 1997. His teaching and research interests include biodiversity conservation, forest landscape planning, wetland ecology and management, and remote sensing & GIS. His research and consulting clients include international agencies (ADB, CIDA, DANIDA and ITTO), public agencies at the national and provincial levels and numerous NGOs related to natural resource management, biodiversity conservation and GIS application. The focus of his research is on long-term monitoring biodiversity response to environmental gradient, land use change and other anthropogenic pressures, and integrated natural resources management. Ongoing research/projects include mapping biodiversity gap analysis in assessing Thailand's protected areas, and trans-boundary biodiversity conservation in collaboration with Department of National Park, Wildlife and Plant Conservation, as well as Royal Forest Department. Yongyut Trisurat was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar affiliated with University of Hawaii at Manoa and the East-West Center in 2005, and also a Research Fellow at the Institute of Geography, Freie University Berlin in 1995. He worked for ten years as a park official for the Royal Forest Department and is now Assistant Professor Forestry at Kasetsart University.



> *Freek Venter*

*Head of the Department of Conservation Services in the Kruger National Park*

He has been working in the Kruger National Park for the past 28 years. He started off as a soil science technician and has been involved in soil studies, river research and management issues, Environmental Impact Assessments and wilderness zoning in the KNP. He completed a PhD in 1990, focusing on the classification and description of land in the KNP to assist in management planning of this great park. He has been intimately involved with the Kruger National Park Rivers Research Programme, first as research coordinator in the KNP, but later as leader of the Integrated River Management sub-Programme. He coordinated some of the KNP zoning initiatives, specifically with the aim to protect wilderness. He has been involved as author and co-author of 10 scientific papers and chapters in 2 books. He is a member of the Associate Private Nature Reserve and Makuleke Joint Management Boards and serves on the Conservation and Veterinary Committee of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park and Conservation Area.