Students study, relax and chat on the patio in front of Moon Library during finals week. 
(Photo by Karen B. Moore)

ESF to Host i-Tree Conference

The first international i-Tree Symposium in the United States will be held at ESF June 16-19. This conference is organized by Dr. Charles Kroll from the Department of Environmental Resources Engineering, Dr. David Nowak from the USDA Forest Service and ESF’s Open Academy.

i-Tree is a suite of tools used to characterize the structure, benefits and services of trees and forests that was developed at the USDA Forest Service office on the ESF campus with the assistance of college faculty and students.

The conference features all-day training sessions, internationally renowned speakers and the opportunity to help guide i-Tree development in the coming years. The
objectives of this symposium are to have attendees:
· Obtain in-depth knowledge and training about numerous i-Tree tools
· Learn and share ideas about i-Tree
· Have in-depth discussions with the i-Tree development team
· Find answers to any questions they may have about i-Tree
· Contribute ideas that facilitate i-Tree development to meet the needs of stakeholders
· Learn how to apply i-Tree results to make a difference in their community

The conference agenda can be accessed [here](#) with registration information available [here](#). Early registration has been extended to May 15. The registration fee includes all meals for three days. This is an exciting way to learn more about i-Tree and the work ESF is doing to promote more sustainable and resilient urban and forest systems.

### Triano to Be Honored by Vera House

Mary Triano, senior assistant dean for the Division of Student Affairs, will receive a Special Recognition Award from Vera House, Inc., a local non-profit that prevents, responds to and partners to end domestic and sexual violence and other forms of abuse.

Triano was nominated by Tiffany Brec and Chris Kosakowski, educators at Vera House, to acknowledge “the tremendous passion Mary has for creating change at ESF with regard to domestic/sexual violence.”

Triano’s award will be presented as part of Vera House’s Annual Recognition and Celebration Luncheon noon to 1:30 p.m. June 12 at the DoubleTree Hotel off Carrier Circle. Luncheon details can be found [here](#).

Those wishing to attend the luncheon should contact Jennifer Keating, project coordinator, Division of Student Affairs, with their meal preference by May 24 to ensure ESF colleagues are seated together. The luncheon costs $25 with meal choices of chicken or vegetarian entrées. Those in need of a gluten-free meal or with other dietary needs should contact Keating. Megan Thurston, secretary 2, in 110 Bray will collect money for those attending.

### Farrell's Work Makes Evolutionary Applications Cover

Dr. John Farrell made the cover of Evolutionary Applications with his collaborative research on muskellunge genomics in the St. Lawrence. Farrell is the director of the college’s Thousand Islands Biological Station (TIBS).

Pictured on the cover is Farrell's former graduate student, Brian Henning. The photo was taken by Natalie Scheibel, an ESF undergraduate who was
Horton to Participate in Discussion at World Science Festival

Dr. Tom Horton was invited to participate in discussion titled “Intelligence Without Brains” June 1 in New York City. The discussion is part of the weeklong World Science Festival.

Horton was invited because of his expertise in mycorrhizal networks as a point of discussion in how trees and fungi interact in our forests. "I believe the ‘without brains’ part refers to the trees and fungi, not me," he wrote in an email. "The others on the panel are from very diverse backgrounds. It should be an interesting discussion."

The session which takes place at 8 p.m. June 1 is already sold out.

College Honors To Be Presented at Academic Governance

Faculty and staff are invited to the final Academic Governance meeting of the academic year at 2:30 p.m. May 9 in the Gateway Center. ITS will livestream the business portion of the meeting, including the results of the election for two offices and the presentation of awards.

Several awards of distinction that honor the accomplishments of faculty and staff, including the SUNY Chancellor's Awards, SUNY Distinguished Professorship and the ESF Exemplary Researcher will be presented.

A reception will immediately following the meeting.

ESF Announces Graduation Weekend Schedule
Champagne Toast for May Graduates

Join the ESF Alumni Association and raise a glass to the college’s newest graduates during the annual Champagne Toast. The event will begin immediately following Wednesday’s Commencement rehearsal.

May 8, 2019
3:30 p.m.
Gateway Center

On My Own Time Exhibit

Celebrate the artwork of ESF faculty and staff at the On My Own Time 2019 exhibit. The exhibit will be open to the campus community for two days this week.

May 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
May 10, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
314 Bray Hall

ESF/SU Joint Commencement

ESF/SU Joint Commencement will take place Sunday in the Carrier Dome. The student processional begins at 9:15 a.m.

May 12, 2019
9 a.m. to noon
Carrier Dome, Syracuse University
ESF IN THE MEDIA

Going Green: ESF Assists DEC with Fisher Research

ESF is assisting the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation with research on fishers. More than 400 fisher reproductive tracks are being examined to determine the rate of reproduction in different sections of the state to see if that's a factor in the fisher population decline.

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wbur: How GMOs Might Save the American Chestnut Tree

To save the American chestnut tree, researchers want to release genetically engineered trees into the wild to reproduce. It would be a first — a possible breakthrough in species restoration.

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