Dr. John Daigle

John Daigle is a tribal member of the Penobscot Indian Nation and a program leader for the Parks, Recreation and Tourism program at the University of Maine. Daigle has been involved with the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) project since its origins in the early 2000s. His research team seeks to study and facilitate the ways that Wabanaki basket makers, tribes, state and federal foresters, university researchers, landowners, and others can come together to prevent, detect, and respond to the potential threat of the EAB in Maine.

Tyler Everett

Tyler is a citizen of Mi'kmaq Nation. His research prioritizes methodologies that result in Tribal led science. He is a PhD student in the School of Forest Resources here at the University of Maine and his current research focuses on the impacts of emerald ash borer (EAB) on Tribal ash resources and identifying innovative management and mitigation strategies for this forest health issue that Tribal Nation partners support and have interest in better understanding.

Emily Francis

Emily (she/her) is a PhD candidate with a research focus on human dimensions of natural resources, specifically related to prioritizing Tribal Nations involvement in planning and decision making to solutions of "wicked problems". Her research with Ash Protection Collaboration Across Wabankik started with ash seed collection and the need to develop a document for non-researchers to take part in the effort to save seeds. Francis also spearheaded a survey on private landowners' knowledge and involvement in saving ash on their properties against emerald ash borer (EAB).

Ella McDonald

Ella (she/they) is a non-native Master's student in Ecology and Environmental Science. With a background in organizing partnerships between conservation groups and Tribal Nations to facilitate land returns, Ella's interests lie in how to facilitate respectful and effective cross cultural collaborations for the future of land, forests, and water. Their research questions explore how Ash Protection Collaboration Across Wabanakik can develop effective communication and mapping tools to enhance our efforts. They helped facilitate the co-creation of the APCAW website and are supporting organizing the APCAW training series of 2023-2024.

Andrew Pershing, Ph. D

Andrew Pershing, Ph.D. is director of climate science at Climate Central, focusing on expanding public awareness and understanding of climate science across disciplines. His role includes bridging primary research and media analysis of findings and impacts to amplify critical work on climate change and make it accessible to audiences around the world. As a scientist, Pershing has led interdisciplinary research teams to study the impact of global warming on marine ecosystems in the northwest Atlantic. More recently, his work has focused on how to identify climate signals in daily weather. As a communicator, Pershing has deep experience working with journalists to present climate science on air and in print, including featured interviews on NPR and in the New York Times, The Guardian, and the Boston Globe.

Previously Pershing served as chief scientific officer for the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, where he headed the Climate Change Ecology Lab. He was also a member of the University of Maine faculty, as associate professor of oceanography in the School of Marine Sciences. Pershing holds a Ph.D. in ecology and evolutionary biology from Cornell University and a B.S. in aquatic biology from Brown University.