

Coastal Perspectives Lecture Series - Spring of 2013

September 27, 2012 marked the 50th anniversary of the official publication of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, though ripples of response to excerpts from the book began months prior to this date. Its reverberations continue to the present time. *Silent Spring* is often mentioned as the book that forged the American environmental movement by galvanizing individuals and governments into action. Carson's work also influenced the formation or growth of many fields: policy and regulation, marine science, ornithology, environmental chemistry, scientific communication, environmental literature, art, and many others.

In this 50th anniversary year of the publication of *Silent Spring*, the 2013 Coastal Perspectives Lecture Series commemorates Rachel Carson's landmark work. Particularly the final Symposium, but also through the regular lectures in this spring's series, we look retrospectively, and also forward in time, at human interactions with the coastal zone of Long Island Sound and beyond

Please join us this spring as we explore a variety of topics ranging from coastal living in colonial America through the current-day challenge of protecting marine habitats while generating green energy.

January 29 – John Teal, PhD, **“The "Why" and "How" of Salt Marsh Restoration”**

Scientist Emeritus at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution & Partner, Teal Ltd., Rochester, Massachusetts

February 12 – Judith Swift, MA, **“Communicating Science: Pitfalls, Pratfalls and Presentation”**

Director of University of Rhode Island's Coastal Institute & Professor of Communication Studies and Theatre at URI

February 26 – Peter Paton, PhD, **“Pre-construction Assessment of the Potential Impacts of Offshore Wind Facilities on Birds: The Rhode Island Experience”**

Professor of Natural Resources Science at University of Rhode Island

March 12 – Capt. Eric Jones, MA & MBA, **“"You Can't Tweet From the Fore Royal" - The Continuing Imperative for Sail Training in a Web-Dependent World”**

Assistant Superintendent of the U. S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT

March 26 – John Gillis, PhD **“American Coasts, Past and Future”**

Professor Emeritus of History at Rutgers

This event will be followed by a book signing of Dr. Gillis' *The Human Shore: Seacoasts in History* (2012).

April 9 – Symposium – **“The Legacy of Rachel Carson”**

Curt Spalding, MPA, Administrator of EPA New England (Area 1),

“The 21st Century Environment and a Push for Sustainability Going Forward”

Penny Vlahos, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut,

“TBA”

Robert Askins, PhD, Professor, Connecticut College,

“Birds as Indicators of Environmental Degradation, From Rachel Carson to the Breeding Bird Survey”

Sarah Chasis, Esq., Senior Attorney and Director of the Ocean Program, Natural Resources Defense Council,

“The Last Frontier: Conservation Challenges Facing the Ocean”

Peter Auster, PhD, Professor Emeritus, University of Connecticut, panel moderator

Lecture series is **FREE** and open to the public. Lectures begin at 7:30 p.m., with light refreshments at 7:10.

Lectures are held in the Seminar Room, room 103, Marine Science Building, UConn Avery Point Campus.

The April 9th Symposium is held in the Branford House, UConn Avery Point Campus.

This series is sponsored by **The Connecticut Sea Grant College Program**, the **Department of Marine Sciences**, **UConn** and the **Maritime Studies Program**, **UConn**. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.marinesciences.uconn.edu/public.html> or email CoastalPerspectives@uconn.edu.