

THE CANAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK STATE

And Co-Sponsor **THE MCC DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND
GEOSCIENCES**

announces its

Winter Symposium & Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 1, 2025

All events located in:

CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM MONROE A & B
(Enter through lobby at northeast corner of Building 3)
Brighton Campus, Monroe Community College
1000 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY 14623

See Attached Maps

Parking: Lot M, Center Road

Committee: R. Rosenberg-Naparsteck, D. Ward, W. Miles, C. Williams & B. Schwendy

Program

- 8:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. **Registration.** Coffee, Continental Breakfast.
- 8:30 A.M.- 8:35 A.M. **Welcome** Monroe Community College as Co-Sponsor.
- 8:35 A.M. - 9:20 A.M. **The Erie Canal: Not Just a ‘School of Engineering’ but a Launchpad for American Science.** Dr. David Spanagel, Associate Professor of History – Worcester Polytechnic Institute.
- 9:20 A.M. – 10:05 A.M. **Stories of the Marginalized Workers on the Delaware and Hudson Canal.** Bill Merchant, Deputy director for Collections, Historian and Curator, D & H Canal Historical Society.
- 10:05 A.M. – 10:25 A.M. **Coffee Break.**
- 10:25 A.M. – 10:55 A.M. **World Canals Conference 2025: Engaging the World’s Canal Community in Buffalo.** Patrick Stenshorn, Education Program Manager, Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

- 10:55 A.M. – 11:25 A.M. **Keynote Address: An update from the Canal Corporation during the Erie Canal’s Bicentennial year.** Brian Stratton, Director, NYS Canal Corporation, Shane Mahar, Director of Public Engagement – Canals.
- 11:25 A.M. – 12:10 P.M. **Lunch.** Premium Takeaway Sandwiches, Chips, Beverage, and Dessert.
- 12:10 P.M. – 12:40 P.M. **Songs of the Erie Canal.** Performed by John Dady and Kit Fallon.
- 12:40 P.M. – 1:20 P.M. **Plans for the Replica *Seneca Chief*’s 2025 Bicentennial Voyage from Buffalo to New York City, September 24 to October 26.** Dr. John Montague, President Emeritus, Buffalo Maritime Center, Brian Trzeciak, Buffalo Maritime Center’s Executive Director.
- 1:20 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. **Preparing for Disasters: Managing Moveable Dams in the East And Water Controls in the West.** Ambrose Barbuto, Director of Waterways Maintenance, Joe Moloughney, Eastern Region Canal Engineer, Brendan Simon, Western Region Canal Engineer, Canal Corporation.
- 2:00 P.M. – 2:20 P.M. **Coffee Break.**
- 2:20 P.M. – 2:40 P.M. **The Lingqu Canal and Plans for the 2026 World Canals Conference in China.** Sharon Leighton, President, Inland Waterways International.
- 2:40 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. **Progress and Exciting Plans for the *Lois McClure*.** Craig Williams, President, CSNYS.
- 3:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. **CSNYS Annual Business Meeting and Announcements**
- **Annual Meeting-BOD Election. Dave Kinyon**
 - **Update from President Craig Williams.**
 - **World Canal Conference, Buffalo, 2025.**
 - **Spring Field Trip, “The Mid Mohawk.”**
 - **Spirit of the Canal Award.**
 - **Update on Samuel Center and Erie Canal Heritage Park, Dan Wiles, Craig Williams.**
- 3:30 P.M. **Adjournment**