

Hubbard Brook Research Foundation Announces New Executive Director

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Anthea Lavallee has been named Executive Director of the Hubbard Brook Research Foundation (HBRF), effective July 12, 2016.

HBRF is a friends group, policy institute, and educational organization that works closely with scientists at the Hubbard Brook Ecosystem Study, a world-famous ecological study based in Woodstock, New Hampshire, known for its major discoveries about acid rain, timber-cutting practices, migratory songbirds, and climate change. This work occurs at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest, which is part of the USDA Forest Service's Northern Research Station.

Anthea is currently Deputy Director and Development Director of HBRF, a role she assumed in January 2015. She joined the staff in 2012 as Assistant Director and has been responsible for development activities, management of HBRF's housing and laboratory facilities, and events planning, including the recent 50th anniversary celebration of the Hubbard Brook Ecosystem Study. She has a background in nonprofit administration—she was executive director of Zack's Place, a community center for people with special needs in Woodstock, VT—and also in environmental education. As an educator, she has held leadership positions at Zoo New England, the Zoological Society of Florida, and Vermont Institute of Natural Science. Before becoming an environmental education specialist, Anthea was a field biologist, studying Neotropical primates, including capuchin monkeys, in Central America.

"Anthea Lavallee brings a wealth of experience to her position," says Peter Martin, Chair of HBRF's Board of Trustees, "including a deep knowledge of nonprofit administration and development, environmental education, and facilities management. She is well suited to oversee HBRF's myriad activities, working closely with Hubbard Brook's dozens of scientists, who are distributed across the country at different research institutions." David Sleeper, the outgoing Executive Director of HBRF, says: "I couldn't be happier in the Board's decision. The Hubbard Brook community will be well served by Anthea, who will help spread the message of the importance of long-term ecosystem research and monitoring, which has been a hallmark of Hubbard Brook for decades."

Anthea holds a B.A. in anthropology from the State University of New York at Geneseo and a master's degree in biological anthropology from the University of Illinois. She lives with her son, Elvis, in Woodstock, Vermont. She will replace David Sleeper, who joined HBRF as executive director in 2004. David is leaving the organization to start Framework Group, Inc., a private business that will build new conservation communities, with an emphasis on land, water, and energy conservation.

At the 8,000-acre Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest in Woodstock, New Hampshire, long-term studies of air, water, soils, plants, and animals have produced major discoveries about human and natural disturbances to the forested landscape. In a unique public-private partnership, scientists from scores of research institutions and the USDA Forest Service have collaborated to discover the existence and origins of acid rain; to reveal the effects of lead, salt, and nitrogen pollution in streams and lakes; and to identify the causes of change in populations of birds and other animals. These research findings provide the raw material for education and policy programs that deliver authentic data to students, policymakers, land managers, and members of the public who care deeply about our natural world.

Hubbard Brook's influence is wide-spread, thanks in part to the many preeminent forest ecologists who have or are performing research at Hubbard Brook and who now occupy positions of leadership at research universities, government agencies, and public interest groups. Hubbard Brook represents a new paradigm of "ecosystem thinking"—a model for integrated research and problem-solving that can reveal how nature works and point to methods for sustaining forest productivity.

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