

environmental regulations. Tria coordinates and provides resources to CUNY's 25 institutions of higher education to meet the goal of reducing CUNY's energy consumption and fight climate change through the Sustainable CUNY Conserves program. She secures and manages multi-millions in funding for operations and maintenance projects including a revolving loan fund, the Sustainability Investment Fund, which supports energy savings projects on CUNY campuses. Tria

received her undergraduate degree from Union College and earned her J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.



Shyam Mehta is Executive Director of NYSEIA, responsible for overseeing the execution of NYSEIA's policy strategy as well as fundraising and member management. Shyam comes to NYSEIA after almost a decade as a market research manager and analyst at Greentech Media (GTM), an integrated research, media and events firm covering the global renewable energy industry that was acquired by Wood MacKenzie in 2016. Prior to GTM, Shyam worked as a

Financial Analyst at Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research and a Research Analyst at The Brattle Group, where he conducted a variety of econometric analyses to solve complex problems within the electricity industry. Shyam has resided in New York since 2007 and has a Bachelor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley.



**Dr. Sumit Bose** joined NYSERDA in May 2018 as a Senior Project Manager at its Albany office. He manages projects on Distributed Energy Resource integration, as well as reviews new project ideas. He is part of the New York Interconnection Technical Working Group (ITWG), working with New York Dept. of Public Service, utilities and other stakeholders. Prior to joining NYSERDA, Sumit worked for more than 17 years at General Electric on leading their research and

development programs on areas such as energy efficiency, renewable energy systems and microgrids. Sumit has a Ph.D. (Electrical Engineering), holds around 15 U.S. patents and has written many technical papers, reports and a book chapter on offshore wind turbine design.

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	Doors open at 8 a.m.
8:00 - 8:30	Registration, Breakfast, Networking
8:30 - 8:40	Welcome/Introduction
	Central Hudson — John Maserjian
8:40 - 9:00	Interconnections: Current Status & What's New
	Central Hudson — Stephanie Genesee, Diana Barton
9:00-9:20	Application Process Updates
	Central Hudson — Tony Anchante
9:20 - 9:40	DER Case Studies
	Central Hudson — Dan Kovar, Evan Kearney
9:40 - 9:55	Break
9:55 - 10:25	NY-Sun Program and Industry Updates
	NYSERDA — Alison Neligan, Luke Forster
10:25 - 11:25	Solar Installation Quality
	Cadmus – Mike Kocsmiersky
11:25 - 11:45	Distribution Automation
	Central Hudson — Cora Juczak
11:45 - 12:00	DER Compensation
	Central Hudson — Tom Su
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch, Networking
1:00 - 1:30	Building a Path to Solar + Storage in NY
	CUNY — Tria Case
1:30 - 1:45	2019 Solar Outlook
	NYSEIA — Shyam Mehta
1:45 - 2:15	NYSERDA Programs & Interconnection
	R&D Projects
	NYSERDA – Sumit Bose
2:15 - 2:30	Closing Remarks
	People. Power. Possibilities
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## Wednesday, March 6, 2019

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**Stephanie Genesee** is an Associate Engineer in the Electric Distribution Planning group at Central Hudson. She began her career at Central Hudson as a Junior System Operator in the Dispatch Operations group. In this department, she oversaw and directed field personnel during outage and emergency conditions for the gas and electric system. Stephanie was later promoted to the Electric Distribution Planning group

and became responsible for analyzing, tracking, and reporting system reliability trends as well as developing long-range system capital plans to solve thermal and/or aging infrastructure concerns. In addition to these responsibilities, Stephanie currently supervises the Distributed Generation Interconnection Engineering Group and provides technical support for larger renewable generators looking to operate in parallel with Central Hudson's system. She graduated from the State University of New York at New Paltz with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and earned her M.S. in Engineering Management from Clarkson University.



**Diana Barton** is a Senior Engineering Technician in the Electric Distribution Planning group at Central Hudson. She began her career at Central Hudson as a Meter Reader and then moved to the Customer Service Group before assuming ownership of the distributed generation interconnection process. Her current role is working closely with the development and enhancement of Central Hudson's new Interconnection

Online Application Portal (IOAP), PowerClerk.



**Tony Anchante** is an Engineering Technician at Central Hudson. His responsibilities include reviewing large applications and assisting customers/developers with any interconnection questions.





**Evan Kearney** is a Junior Engineer in the Electric Distribution Planning group at Central Hudson. He began his career at Central Hudson eight months ago and his current role involves performing Preliminary Screening Analyses, Supplemental Analyses and managing CESIR studies for larger renewable generators looking to operate in parallel with Central Hudson's system. He graduated from

**Dan Kovar** is an Assistant Engineer in the Electric

Distribution Planning group at Central Hudson. After

graduation, he began his career as a PV CAD engineer

2017. He is responsible for performing pre-application

at a solar company where he worked for four years.

reports, preliminary and supplemental analysis, as

He then transitioned to his current role in August

Binghamton University in 2018 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and an MBA.

well as managing CESIR Studies.

Alison Neligan is a NYSERDA Project Manager in the NY-Sun Program, managing all projects awarded under the competitive PV Program, C&I applications of the MW Block Program, and supports various stakeholders including contractors and developers. Alison joined NYSERDA in 2003 in the R&D group and worked on the initial Solar Program before transitioning to the Energy Efficiency group, focusing on market transformation programs. She then transitioned back to the solar program to assist in the management of the Competitive PV Program, now NY-Sun. Alison is responsible for the development of several funding solicitations, review of hundreds of solar proposals and applications and the execution of contracts. Alison received her B.S. in Political Science from Plattsburgh State.



**Luke Forster** is a business analyst for the New York Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA). He has worked in the PV industry for 10 years and currently supports NYSERDA's NY-Sun, Energy Storage, and On-Site Power teams in a variety of roles. **Mike Kocsmiersky** has worked in the solar industry since 1998, starting out designing and implementing off-grid solar energy systems. In 2003, he started his own solar consulting and installation company, and in 2008, he sold his business to become part of New England's largest integrator of solar at the time, where he led the quality program and service department. For the past 10 years he has worked as both an adjunct and full-time college faculty member, teaching basic electricity, solar energy, building energy principles and physics. In 2015 he joined Cadmus, helping in quality assurance programs. He has reviewed hundreds of residential and commercial PV systems for code compliance and quality of installation and is always driven by the environmental benefits of solar. Mike hopes that his experience can educate people on how to make more reliable, long lasting systems.



**Cora Juczak** is an Electric Distribution Planning Engineer working in the Distribution Automation group at Central Hudson. Prior to her full-time employment, she worked for Central Hudson as an intern in the Electric Substation Design group as well as the Distribution Planning Engineering group. Her current role involves leading circuit modeling efforts including the models utilized for hosting capacity. She joined

Central Hudson full time following her graduation from the State University of New York at New Paltz with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering in December of 2016.



**Tom Su** spent five years as an IT analyst within the Customer Account Services group and has worked on various projects involving new meters and technology. He has served as Supervisor of Meter Reading and System Support and as Operating Supervisor of Technology and PV for the Customer Account Services group in the past. Tom is currently the District Director of DER.

**Tria Case, Esq.,** is the Director of Sustainability and Energy Conservation for the City University of New York (CUNY). Prior to joining CUNY in 2006, she served as the Director of the Office of Environmental Business Services for Empire State Development, supporting policies and programs across New York state that facilitated local government and industry in meeting *continued*