

Speaker Bios should describe the background/experience/expertise of presenters and describe why they are qualified. Maximum word count of 100.

Speaker Bio Examples:

David Duensing, President, David B. Duensing & Associates, Inc., designs, builds, and consults on water features of all sizes from indoor water gardens, outdoor waterfalls, streams, to multi-acre ponds and lakes. Well-known as an industry pioneer since 1989, his talents are seen in projects throughout the U.S. and Caribbean. Clients, including the National Wildlife Federation, the Jacksonville Zoo, Del Webb and Pulte Homes, appreciate his focus on natural-looking, self-sustaining aquatic environments. As first President of the National Association of Pond Professionals, Duensing developed the organization's first training materials and pond building standards. He is an active educator and speaker.

Heather Venhaus is an environmental designer for the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. She has a background in landscape architecture and has spent the last decade working with scientists, designers, and educational advisors on projects emphasizing sustainable design, landscape restoration and environmental education. Ms. Venhaus, Project Manager of the Sustainable Sites Initiative, is also involved in private consulting projects through the Center concerning ecological design, restoration and outdoor education. Ms. Venhaus is a member of the Central Texas Balcones Chapter Board of Directors, the South Central Regional Council and LEED Regionalization task force for the U.S. Green Building Council.

Thomas Benjamin, ASLA. Mr. Benjamin is a Senior Landscape Architect at Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. He has more than 16 years experience in environmental design, ecological restoration and green design. His restoration experience includes assessment, design, and construction of upland, wetland, riparian and coastal sites/properties using low tech bioengineering solutions. In addition, Mr. Benjamin's site planning work emphasizes invasive plant species management and low maintenance native plantings for public facilities, commercial, institutional, residential developments and private residences. His natural resource planning and land use regulatory experience supports projects from conceptual planning through design, construction and monitoring phases.

John Amodeo, ASLA is a principal at Carol R. Johnson Associates Inc with over 25 years of landscape architecture experience in a wide range of project types from small to complex, public and private including college campuses, parks, zoos, housing, historic landscapes, streetscapes, bikeways, and natural resource conservation, all with an emphasis on sustainability. His Federal Medical Center project in Devens, MA has been recognized by the International Erosion Control Association for innovative stormwater management, water quality enhancement, and habitat restoration. He has lectured and taught at Harvard, Brown and other institutions throughout New England on the topic of sustainable design.

John Sorenson, ASLA is a Director and Principal Landscape Architect with Walt Disney Imagineering where he has worked for over 18 years. He has been involved with the creation of Disney parks in Florida, California, Paris, Tokyo, and Hong Kong. In addition to theme parks, water parks and resort design, he has participated on design charrettes with Disney teams for the National Park Service. Prior to his time with Disney, he worked with Pod-Sasaki Associates and Dan Kiley and Partners. He was educated at Middlebury College, University of Michigan, and Graduate School of Design, Harvard University.