

# speaker profiles

**Edward L. Blake, Jr.** is a landscape architect and founding principal of The Landscape Studio of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Mr. Blake is the recipient of ASLA's Alfred B. LaGasse Medal for his notable contributions to the management of natural resources and public lands. His work at The Crosby Arboretum received an Honor Award from the American Society of Landscape Architects.

**Bob Brzuszek, ASLA**, is an assistant professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture at Mississippi State University. He previously spent 14 years as senior curator of the Crosby Arboretum, Mississippi State University Extension in Picayune, Mississippi. He serves on the Mississippi Urban Forestry Council Advisory Board and is a recent president of the Mississippi Native Plant Society.

**Marc Pastorek** is a landscape designer and co-owner of Meadowmakers, Inc. a meadow restoration and reconstruction firm. Marc has spent his formative years in the field studying under Dr. Charles Allen and Dr. Malcolm Vidrine, founders of the Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society.

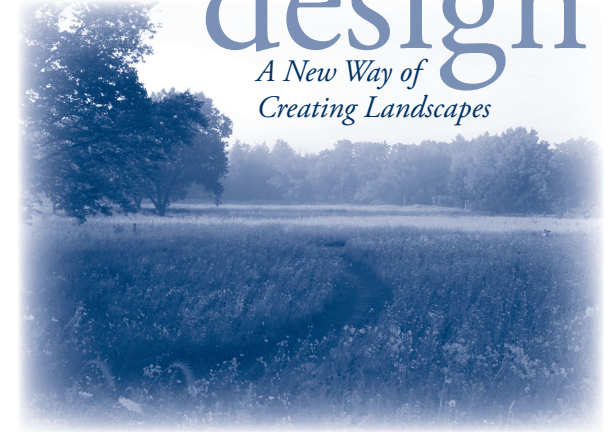
**Doug Tallamy** is Professor and Chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware. His book *Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens* was awarded the 2008 Silver Medal by the Garden Writer's Association.

**Larry Weaner** founded Larry Weaner Landscape Associates in 1982, is active as a guest lecturer, and is a past Board Member and Environmental Committee Chair of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers. He also developed the New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL) conference series in 1990.

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## 2 DAYS of PRESENTATIONS & FIELD EXPLORATIONS

Ecology based landscape services are the fastest growing segment of our industry. As ecological design becomes common practice, designers will need to expand their scope of services, learn to design on a larger scale, and reassess their criteria for selecting and arranging plants. This conference will go beyond buzzwords like "green" and "sustainability," providing designers with a real world blueprint to expand their client base and thrive in this exciting new professional environment.

*Dates:*

**April 30<sup>TH</sup> & May 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2009**

*Developed By:*

**New Directions in the American Landscape**

*Location & Co-Sponsor:*

**The Crosby Arboretum  
Picayune, Mississippi**

*(45 minutes from New Orleans)*

*ASLA & APLD CEU credits available*

day 1

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

*Registration & continental breakfast begin at 8:15 a.m.*

***Bringing Nature Home (1 hour)***

**Doug Tallamy**

With a spectacular set of images, Professor Tallamy will illustrate specific co-evolved relationships between native plants and wildlife, illustrating how crucial it is to include indigenous species in our landscape plantings.

***Acquiring a Knowledge Base (1 hour)***

**Larry Weaner**

Creating natural gardens requires not only an understanding of native plants, but the processes by which they proliferate in the wild. This presentation will examine “process based” landscape techniques, many of which are surprisingly divergent from traditional horticultural practice.

***Creating Prairie Landscapes (1 hour)***

**Marc Pastorek**

Marc will discuss the State of the Prairie in Louisiana and Mississippi and discuss how prairie habitats are currently being incorporated into residential, commercial, and public gardens.

***Hillside Bog: A Study in Landscape Patterns (3 hours)***

**Guided Field Exploration**

From Pitcher Plant bogs to highly diverse upland woods, Hillside Bog displays the fascinating patterns that result from the interactions between plants and micro habitats. Our guides will describe the underlying ecological processes, and human interventions that have yielded this visually spectacular and botanically rich landscape.

day 2

**FRIDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2009**

*Registration & continental breakfast begin at 8:15 a.m.*

***Artful Disturbance in the Piney Woods Landscape (1 hour)***

**Bob Brzuszek, ASLA**

Like a ship on the sea, the vegetation of the Piney Woods flatwoods is in constant motion. Hurricanes, droughts, floods, and fires regularly devour the landscape and yet, somehow, these devastations bring forth one of the richest biological ecosystems on Earth. This lecture will explore the ecological workings of the Coastal Plains landscape, and its translation into artful garden expressions.

***Crosby Arboretum: Genesis and Evolution (1 hour)***

**Ed Blake, ASLA**

The Crosby Arboretum is a place where the land is expressive of the human-made and nature-made. During the past three decades it has become a landscape planted and managed as pine savanna, in-situ and constructed wetland, and woodland succession. Having had a central role in its planning and development, Ed Blake will tell the story of how Pinecote, the Arboretum’s 104 acre interpretive center at Picayune, Mississippi, came to be.

***The Crosby Arboretum (4 hours)***

**Guided Field Exploration**

Our in depth tour of this masterful confluence of nature, culture, and art will be led by some of the designers, horticulturists and ecologists who have been instrumental in the development of this fascinating and instructive landscape.

registration

***Fee Per Person*** \$295 includes continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks.

***Student Rate*** \$165 includes continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks. (*Students must enclose a copy of student ID with registration and present ID at conference.*)

Map, hotel information, and symposium schedule will be sent with confirmation. Registration refunded only when notification is received 7 working days prior to event.

***For More Information*** call 215-886-1492

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*For more information, visit [www.ndal.org](http://www.ndal.org).*

*Following the conference, plan to visit the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, less than an hour away.*