Speakers

Dr. Eugene Park, Assistant Director of Technical Programs, NYSP2I

Dr. Park serves as Assistant Director of Technical Programs at NYSP2I, where he provides direct technical assistance to industry and manages the R&D program. After working several years as a Process Engineer at Sanborn, Inc. (MA) in the area of membrane filtration and centrifugation, in 1989, he helped to start one of the country’s first state-run university pollution prevention programs in Rhode Island. Gene received his undergraduate and Master’s degrees in chemistry and engineering from Dartmouth College prior to receiving his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering at the University of RI.

Jim Kuhr, Brewmaster and Director of Brewery Operations, Matt Brewing Company

Jim began his brewing career with the G. Heileman Brewing Company in Frankenmuth, Michigan in 1984, where he worked in the Quality, Packaging and Brewing Departments. Jim is currently Brewmaster and Director of Operations at Matt Brewing Company. He has been with Matt Brewing since 1991, where he and his team are responsible for the brewing and packaging of over 65 recipes, producing nearly 5 million cases per year. Jim has been active in the Master Brewers Association of the Americas for over 20 years and is the current MBAA President.

Jason Fox, Technology Solutions Manager for Food & Beverage, ClearCove System

Jason Fox has 15 years of professional brewing experience, in addition to several years overseeing production in a medium-sized food manufacturing plant. He operated an aerobic treatment system while at the brewery, and worked directly with the wastewater treatment plant operator at the food plant. He is now the Technology Solutions Manager for Food & Beverage at ClearCove Systems. ClearCove’s industry-leading, patented technology transforms the economics of brewery wastewater operations. Jason has spoken at MBAA conferences, as well as the Great Lakes Water Conservation conference on the topic of brewery wastewater treatment. In addition to good beer, he enjoys boxing and a well-aged scotch, preferably not at the same time!
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Hasper (Alex) Kuno, **Operations Specialist, PurposeEnergy Inc**

Hasper is an operations specialist with PurposeEnergy Inc. of Boston, MA, managing the company’s Tribrid-Bioreactor – a patented, high efficiency anaerobic digester – at the Magic Hat Brewery in South Burlington, Vermont. In this position, he works with a team to improve operation efficiency, including production uptime and volume management, maintenance and inventory solutions, the reduction of trucking and off-site disposal costs, the reduction of energy and wastewater surcharges, and water quality assurance. He also assists in client relations and sales. He graduated from St. Lawrence University in May 2015 with a degree in Economics and Environmental Studies and is now a co-chair for the Young Alumni Committee there. Hasper is an avid homebrewer and has a passion for sustainable brewing.

Marty Schooping, **Sr. Project Manager, NYSP2I**

Marty Schooping is a Sr. Project Manager at NYSP2I with a diverse background in many areas of engineering and design including automated manufacturing, product development, design for six sigma, data analysis, Finite Element Analysis, energy efficiency, measurement, verification and noise and vibration control engineering. Marty spent the first 11 years of his 34-year career designing automation equipment and tooling for automotive, business machines and medical clients. Schooping holds an associate’s degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Erie Community College and is currently pursuing a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering Technology at RIT. Marty holds several patents relating to product designs and innovations.

Walker Modic, **Sustainability Manager, Bell’s Brewery**

Walker Modic is the Sustainability Manager at Bell’s Brewery. He’s responsible for employee education, waste mitigation, efficient resource utilization and environmental compliance, assessment, and advocacy. Prior joining Bell’s in 2013, he was the head brewer at a small regional brewpub in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Before beginning his career in craft beer, he worked at the US Environmental Protection Agency’s National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory where he received the EPA’s award for Scientific and Technological Achievement. He holds a MA in Sustainability and Environmental Management from Harvard University and a MS in Molecular and Structural Biochemistry from North Carolina State University.
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Tyler Harvey, **Sustainability Supervisor, Matt Brewing Co.**

Tyler Harvey is the Sustainability Supervisor at the F.X. Matt Brewery, where he oversees the recycling, waste management, and wastewater programs. Tyler has a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from SUNY ESF.

David Katleski, **Founder & President, Empire Brewing Company, NYS Brewers Association**

David Katleski is the founder and president of Empire Brewing Company and the NYS Brewers Association, both of which have distinguished themselves by, respectively, the quality of its products and the effectiveness of its advocacy for small brewers and the many ways in which they can fairly and artfully be presented to their customers. The brewery was founded in 1994 and has shown what it takes to survive and flourish in a crowded field, not only through top quality but also by progressive business practice. With 10 Great American Beer Festival and 3 World Beer Cup medals the quality of the beer is evident. In addition, it’s a Slow Food Snail of Approval award-winning business, partners with 60 local farmers for the production of the foods on its menu, and purchases 100% NYS renewable energy. It’s also been named one of the 20 best brewpubs in America, by both Beer Advocate and The New Brewer and the Thrillist recently named it “Top 15 Restaurants in NYS not in NYC”. The NYS Brewers Association began in 2003 with 38 breweries. The guild now works with over 190 NYS breweries and has forged an alliance with lawmakers and state wholesalers. Over the past decade Katleski has advocated for and won a myriad of reform, which include the first franchise reform legislation in the U.S. These efforts awarded him the prestigious and national Brewers Association Defense of the Industry Award in 2013.
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Amy Johnson, Continuous Improvement Specialist, North American Breweries

Amy has more than eight years in Continuous Improvement & Quality Systems, currently serving as Continuous Improvement Specialist at North American Breweries. Prior to joining NAB she held various positions in the packaging industry for over 20 years. Most recently Amy worked in the Beverage division of a major supplier of paperboard packaging. She is currently working on her first waste reduction and sustainability project - a zero-waste to landfill initiative at Genesee Brewing Co.

Paul Leone, Executive Director, NYS Brewers Association

Paul Leone has an extensive background in television production, writing, editing and videography. Paul began his career as a Multi-Media Producer for the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, NY. He later served as the Director of Production for two programs on HGTV and has produced and edited programming for Spike TV, the Outdoor Life Network, Major League Baseball, the Speed Channel, WEtv, Disney XD, the History Channel and PBS. Paul also served as the Supervising Producer and Creative Director for the PBS series “Farmers’ Almanac TV.” Paul later moved away from television and worked in the Dallas/Fort Worth area in advertising and marketing serving as Vice President and Creative Director for a Production Studio and Executive Producer for an Advertising Agency. Before moving back to his hometown of Rochester, NY, Paul co-produced and edited a documentary shot in Vietnam. While working in the television industry, Paul took his love and passion for craft beer and pitched 4 television pilots to cable networks, 2 of which were hosted by Dogfish founder Sam Calagione. Paul became the first Executive Director of the New York State Brewers Association in 2013.