

NatureServe Conservation Conference 2009

Keynote Speakers

Scott Weidensaul

An author and naturalist, Scott has written more than two dozen books on natural history, including *Living on the Wind: Across the Hemisphere with Migratory Birds*, a Pulitzer Prize finalist; *The Ghost with Trembling Wings*, about the search for species that may or may not be extinct; and his most recent book, *Of a Feather: A Brief History of American Birding*. He lectures widely on wildlife and environmental topics, and is an active field researcher, specializing in birds of prey and hummingbirds. He lives in the Appalachians of eastern Pennsylvania.



Rick Ridgeway

Rick has been a leading climber and adventurer for over 35 years. For the last 25 years, he has made his passion his vocation, producing over 15 documentary films for, among others, ABC, NBC and ESPN; and has taken home several awards, including an Emmy for an Everest show in 1983. He has written five books, including the highly acclaimed *Seven Summits*, *The Shadow of Kilimanjaro* and, most recently, *Below Another Sky*. He has also authored dozens of articles for such magazines as *Outside* and *National Geographic*. Already a widely recognized still photographer in the adventure genre, in 1986, Rick decided to start a stock photo service out of his garage. Adventure Photo and Film became the world's foremost outdoor photography agency.

Anthony Janetos

Tony has written and spoken widely to policy, business, and scientific audiences on the need for scientific input and scientific assessment in the policymaking process and about the need to understand the scientific, environmental, economic, and policy linkages among the major global environmental issues. He is currently the Director of the Joint Global Change Research Institute, and has served on several national and international study teams, including working as a co-chair of the U.S. National Assessment of the Potential Consequences of Climate Variability and Change. He also was an author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's *Special Report on Land-Use Change and Forestry*, the *Global Biodiversity Assessment*, and a coordinating lead author in the recently published *Millennium Ecosystem Assessment*.