

SEES Colloquium, Spring 2026
Science Building Room C207 and by zoom (see below for link)
Wednesday April 15th, 12:15-1pm

“Building a Career in Coastal Conservation: Lessons from the Field”

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Abstract: This seminar will explore my journey into coastal conservation and resiliency, including the organizations and projects that have shaped my career. Through real-world examples and stories, I will highlight what working in this field can look like in practice and share guidance and practical insights for students interested in building a career in coastal conservation.

Bio: Kris Mielenhausen is a conservationist, environmental advocate and restoration ecologist focused on estuarine systems, water quality, aquaculture and nature-based solutions for coastal resilience. His work emphasizes systems-level, adaptive approaches to addressing climate and biodiversity challenges through practical, on-the-ground conservation action. He currently serves as Conservation Director at the Seatuck Environmental Association, where he leads a multidisciplinary team of project managers, scientists, advocates, researchers, field technicians, interns and fellows. Previously, Kris worked as a program director in the non-profit sector, designing and managing environmental conservation projects and leading a place-based community science and environmental advocacy apprenticeship program. He also has a background in fisheries management and served as a principal in a commercially run aquaculture operation informed by ecological principles. He holds an M.S. in Sustainable Environmental Systems from Pratt Institute’s Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment and a B.A. in Cultural Studies from Eugene Lang College at The New School for Social Research. He is committed to advancing social and environmental justice in both his professional and personal practice.



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