

DAY 1 — Monday, October 5, 2026

Joint welcome: 11:00 - 11:10 AM EST
<https://umd.zoom.us/my/dexter.locke>

Morning Sessions (CONCURRENT)**Option 1: Governance & Management of Urban Forests** <https://utoronto.zoom.us/j/87280280088>

Time	Presenter	Talk Title
11:10 - 11:25 AM	Christy Suhendy	Shade Deficiency, Park Accessibility, and Frequent Visitation Among Older Florida Adults
11:25 - 11:40 AM	Shawn Fujioka	Impacts of restoration and management on threats and status of urban forest biodiversity
11:40 - 11:55 AM	Hengyin Liao	Beyond Canopy Cover: Mapping the Temporal Reliability and Equity of Urban Shade
11:55 AM - 12:10 P	Brad Oberle	Urban forestation research in geographic, temporal and socioecological context

Option 2: Soil Health & Biochar Innovations <https://umd.zoom.us/my/dexter.locke>

11:10 - 11:25 AM	Alyssa Vinson	Rooted Practices: The Influence of Home Owners Associations on Tree Management Strategies and Urban Forest Vitality
11:25 - 11:40 AM	Sam Asher	Centering Soils in NYC's Street Tree Canopy Growth
11:40 - 11:55 AM	Prof. Sean Thomas	Biochar benefits to urban forest tree and soil health
11:55 AM - 12:10 P	Melanie Sifton	Shrinking paw prints in the urban forest: can biochar buffer excess dog urine in street tree pits?

Break 12:10 PM - 1:00 PM**Afternoon Sessions (CONCURRENT)****Option 1: Public Discourse, Frameworks & Community Voices** <https://utoronto.zoom.us/j/87280280088>

1:00 - 1:15 PM	Karen Law	Forest Thinning Pilot in Van Cortlandt Park, New York City
1:15 - 1:30 PM	Andrés Peñalosa Reyna	Urban tree preferences for climate action: Community perspectives in Lemon Grove, California
1:30 - 1:45 PM	Peter Ibsen	Accounting for Trees in the City: Urban Natural Capital and Ecosystem Services Across 863 U.S. Cities
1:45 - 2:00 PM	Matthew Fry	Who Speaks for Urban Trees and What do They Say?

Option 2: Climate, Shade & Remote-Sensing Methods <https://umd.zoom.us/my/dexter.locke>

Time	Presenter	Talk Title
1:00 - 1:15 PM	V. Kelly Turner	Climate and urban form explain shade patterns in U.S. cities
1:15 - 1:30 PM	Mahin Rahman	Surviving in a Desert City: A Longitudinal Street Tree Survivorship Analysis for Phoenix, Arizona Using Google Street View
1:30 - 1:45 PM	Chris Copeland	Drones in the City: A case study of American elms in the urban landscape
1:45 - 2:00 PM	Insoo Kim	Mapping the desert urban forest at 0.3 m spatial resolution

DAY 2 — Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Welcome: 10:00 - 10:10 AM EST
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Morning Sessions: Tree Health, Monitoring & Discourse (SEQUENTIAL) <https://umd.zoom.us/my/dexter.locke>**Session 1: Tree Health, Survival & Monitoring Methods**

Time	Presenter	Talk Title
10:10 - 10:25 AM	Aidan Caron	A review and comparison of survival analysis techniques for urban forest monitoring data
10:25 - 10:40 AM	Priyanwada Atapattu	Environmental and built-environment drivers of resilience and survival in urban street trees in Athens, OH
10:40 - 10:55 AM	Kanaan C. Hardaway	Developing an ensemble of models to attribute effects of tree canopy on four health outcomes at the US census tract scale
10:55 - 11:10 AM	Ashley Coles	Resident preferences for urban tree characteristics on public and private property in four US cities

Break: 11:10 - 11:25 AM**Session 2: Stewardship, Policy & Public-Facing Tools** <https://umd.zoom.us/my/dexter.locke>

Time	Presenter	Talk Title
11:25 - 11:40 AM	Natalia Piland	Stewardship Capacity, Tree Health Condition, and Localized Stories of Spatial Inequity
11:40 - 11:55 AM	Hannah Cooper	Post-planting stewardship models can impact crown vigor in urban tree planting programs
11:55 - 12:10 PM	Aline OTS Kuzma	When a Tree Is Removed... What Happens Next?
12:10 - 12:25 PM	Emma Castiblanco	Urban Tree Inventory Interfaces: Marketing Tools for Engaging the Public

Break 12:25 PM - 1:00 PM**Afternoon Sessions: Climate, Heat & Community Perspectivesv (CONCURRENT)****Option 1: Climate Change, Heat & Urban Shade** <https://umd.zoom.us/my/dexter.locke>

Time	Presenter	Talk Title
1:00 - 1:15 PM	Jacob Cecala	Climate change and Urban Trees: Findings from a Global Literature Review
1:15 - 1:30 PM	Amy Dixon	Quantifying Drought Impacts on Urban Forest Structure and Growth Using Multi-Temporal Airborne Lidar
1:30 - 1:45 PM	Andrew Koeser	Potential Losses of Canopy and Ecosystem Services Associated with Insurance-Mandated Pruning in Florida, United States
1:45 - 2:00 PM	Meer Ahsan Habib	Perceived extreme heat risks and residential tree planting — understanding the adaptation gap in Phoenix Metro

Option 2: Community Perceptions & Private Tree Stewardship <https://utoronto.zoom.us/j/87280280088>

Time	Presenter	Talk Title
1:00 - 1:15 PM	Alexander Martin	The Effects of Religious Beliefs on Canopy Cover
1:15 - 1:30 PM	Luke Beattie	Perceptions of trees, species diversity, and socio-demographics shape individuals' private tree maintenance activities
1:30 - 1:45 PM	Robert Moore	Urban Tree Planting Perspectives Among Landlords, Commercial Property Owners, and Owner-Occupied Homeowners: A Case Study in Worcester, Massachusetts
1:45 - 2:00 PM	Qinnan Zhu	Moving toward sustainable urban landscapes: assessing and optimizing urban vegetation change in Central Arizona