Summary

Glass is one of the largest threats facing birds today, killing up to a billion in the US each year. Speakers at this conference will be discussing window bird strikes and solutions to this widespread problem. We invite students, faculty, administrators, and the general public to attend and begin to make the Stony Brook community more bird friendly.

Program

8:45 - Refreshments

9:00 - Opening Remarks

   ● John Fogarty, SBU Capital Planning

9:10 - Untitled Presentation

   ● Assemblyman Steve Englebright

9:40 - Reflections on a Transparent Problem

   ● John Turner, Four Harbors Audubon

10:25 - A Bird’s Eye View on Bird-Friendly New York

   ● Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon

10:55 - Break

11:15 - Untitled Presentation

   ● Alex Sobolev, Guardian Glass Industries

11:45 - Design Tools: Indexing for better Performance Outcomes
● Stefan Knust, Ennead Architects

12:15 - Untitled Presentation
● Deborah Laurel, NYC Audubon

12:45 - Closing Remarks
● Katherine Houston / Garret Van Gelder, SBU students

Speakers

● **Steve Englebright** New York State Assemblyman for the 4th District. Assemblyman Englebright would be discussing a proposed bill to institute bird friendly design throughout the state.

● **John Turner** John Turner is a co-founder of the Long Island Pine Barrens Society and served on its board for twenty-eight years. He also serves on the board of the Four Harbors Audubon Society where he serves as Chair of the Conservation Committee. He previously has served on the boards of the Environmental Planning Lobby, Open Space Council, Long Island Native Plant Initiative, Starflower Experiences, Friends of the Massapequa Preserve, the Coastal Research Education Society of Long Island, and the Long Island Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

● **Susan Elbin** Dr. Susan Elbin is the Director of Conservation and Science for New York City Audubon where her work is focused on urban ecology—conservation of migratory landbirds, and migratory and nesting waterbirds in New York City. Current projects include making the city safer for migratory landbirds by monitoring and mitigating collision risks and improving stopover habitat, and long-term monitoring and research on nesting and foraging herons, egrets, ibis, and cormorants in the New York Harbor.

● **Stefan Knust** Stefan Knust is an architect and the Director of Sustainability with Ennead Architects in New York City. Stefan will describe site considerations and the application of LEED Pilot Credit 55 - Bird Collision Deterrence to new and existing buildings.

● **Alex Sobolev** Guardian Industries is an industrial manufacturer of glass supporting the bird-friendly design movement. Alex is an industrial designer who provides a human centered design perspective to Guardian’s innovation capability. He has been part of the core team working on Guardian’s bird friendly offerings and serves as an internal expert on the collision issue.