



# Sustainability Perspectives

## *Permaculture: Designing with Systems*

**Karryn Olson-Ramanujan**, founder of *SEEDS* (Strategy, Education, & Ecological Design for Sustainability) Consulting and a member of the *Finger Lakes Permaculture Institute*, defines permaculture as “an ethical design system for meeting human needs while regenerating the ecosystems in which we are embedded.” The principles in permaculture are derived from scientific understanding of the way nature works—as interconnected systems. By learning from nature, we reclaim our innate ability to understand systems. By designing *with* nature, we not only save time and energy; we sequester carbon and water, build soil, and regenerate degraded ecosystems and communities—all while meeting our needs and creating new possibilities.



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Stratton Hall Room 209

This presentation is being held in conjunction with the **Science Colloquium**.

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