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Landscape Ecologist Eric Sanderson to Speak at Bartow-Pell

Author of Manahatta and Terra Nova is keynote at Spring Luncheon

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Landscape Ecologist Dr. Eric Sanderson, author of *Manahatta* and the brand-new *Terra Nova*, will speak at Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum's annual spring luncheon on June 6th. "In *Manahatta*, Dr. Sanderson showed us what the island of Manhattan looked like in 1609, before Henry Hudson came ashore," said Bartow-Pell executive director Ellen Bruzelius. "Now, in *Terra Nova*, he addresses the relationship between humanity and nature today—and in our future. His eras of focus correspond with our own and give critical context to our work."

Sanderson's work has received much critical acclaim. Best-selling author Daniel Pink says *Terra Nova* "should be the launching point for a desperately needed discussion about our modern way of life." The New York Times called *Manahatta* "a cartographical detective tale....Upon closing the book you feel revved up, at the very least, and are likely to see a way to build a future that is more aligned with what once was than with what can no longer be."

Sanderson received his Ph.D. in ecology (emphasis in ecosystem and landscape ecology) from the University of California, Davis, in 1998. He also holds a Bachelors of Arts and Science in English literature and Biochemistry from Davis (1989.) He has worked for the Wildlife Conservation Society since 2000 and is currently Associate Director in the Living Landscapes Program.

After Dr. Sanderson's presentation, lunch will be served outdoors on the pebble court overlooking Bartow-Pell's formal sunken garden. In 2014, the Conservancy will celebrate its centennial with the renewed Delano & Aldrich garden as centerpiece.

The spring luncheon is a key fundraiser for the Bartow-Pell Conservancy, the private non-profit organization that operates the city-owned museum. Board member Michelle O'Connor is chairing the event, which will also feature a book signing and sale of Dr. Sanderson's books, as well as a small silent auction, to support the museum's wide variety of public and school programs.

The event begins at noon and ends at 2 p.m. RSVP required. Call 718-885-1461 for details.

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*For more information on the **Wildlife Conservation Society**, see www.wcs.org.*

Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum is located at 895 Shore Road, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, New York. To reach us by public transportation, take the #6 Lexington Avenue Local subway to Pelham Bay Park station, followed by the Westchester Bee-Line #45 bus direct to the mansion gate. For driving directions, please visit www.bpmm.org. The mansion and carriage house are open to the public for guided tours on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. The gardens and grounds are open daily from 8:30 a.m. to dusk. Mansion admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students; free for children under six. Visiting the garden and grounds is free.