

The Board of Directors of Theodore Gordon Flyfishers invites you to our Annual Celebration of **The Founders Fund Society** to introduce the **2023 Founders Fund Scholars** and to honor **Tracy Brown**

Cocktail Reception Wednesday, November 29, 2023 5:30 р.м. to 7:30 р.м. Union League Club 38 East 37th Street New York City

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Registration for the Founders Fund Reception will include a 1-year membership or membership renewal in Theodore Gordon Flyfishers. Those who also contribute to the Founders Fund will become members of the Founders Fund Society and will be recognized in the 2023 Annual Report.

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Bruce Corwin Carolyn Summers The Founders Fund Society was established to create a quasi-endowment for the Founders Fund scholarships in an effort to protect and sustain them in the years ahead. The scholarships were designed to honor those who, in founding Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, fostered a tradition of educating people about environmentally responsible philosophies.

The Founders Fund Committee selected two recipients.

Brittany Bartlett is a PhD candidate in biology at the University of Oxford Interdisciplinary Centre for Conservation Science. She formerly was a marine resources specialist in the US Navy. Her career goal is to improve environmental policy by balancing social, political, economic, and ecological needs. At Oxford, her research examines variables affecting compliance among different fishing communities to address noncompliance problems, outcomes that could be applied to other facets of environmental management. She also has cofounded a conservation-focused nonprofit organization, <u>The Next Swell</u>, to cultivate future generations of conservationists and scientists.

Elisabeth Schreiber is enrolled in the Master of Environmental Management Program at the Yale School of the Environment and is a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Florida. She has worked on South Florida's freshwater and saltwater systems and the social, environmental, and economic interrelationships necessary to address them. At Yale, she is studying environmental law and policy and land-use planning and participates in a clinic with the law school. Her emphasis is on creating effective community-based environmental protection plans for either a government agency or intergovernmental organization, focused on sustainable development projects and naturebased solutions.

Each year as we introduce our scholar, the Founders Fund Society honors an established, exemplary environmental leader. This year, we honor **Tracy Brown**. Tracy Bown has spent her two-decade career focused on restoring rivers. Undergraduate study at University of Colorado led to graduate work at the University of Idaho, where she focused on the human dimensions of natural resource management. She then went to work for a small Idaho nonprofit dedicated to river restoration. In 2012, she took on stream restoration coordinating efforts in New York and Connecticut with Trout Unlimited, and as TU's restoration manager, she now leads efforts to create connections with community partners and like-minded organizations to restore habitat for native and wild trout around New York.