

Welcome to Providence and the Region!

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Only one month away from our Annual Session! The Tri-Liaisons and representatives from all the affiliates in the region can't wait to have you aboard and "sea" you.

Starting with the [Opening Session](#), keynote speaker, [Rita Landgraf](#), a former partner of Delaware Cooperative Extension, is sure to be inspiring with her *Creating Opportunities through Shared Stewardship in Advancing Equitable Communities* presentation. It will reel in ideas for strategies and partnerships aimed at strengthening our work.



The **Welcome Event** will be something to "sea"! The combined culinary tastes of New England will be offered as a seafood-oriented buffet dinner, complete with a jazz music ambiance. The Marketplace offers mocktails to taste and local goods for purchase— books, jewelry, quilting materials, pottery, and more!



Highlights of the **Pre-Conferences and the In-Depths** are shared in the [Look Book](#). History, culture, exceptional programs, and happenings in the Northeast and the Providence/Rhode Island area are included.



The **Leadership Event** offers some historic context with the speaker, Jerrad Pacatte, PhD, Director of Historical Research and Content Development for the Rhode Island Historical Society, who will share his research on the Hidden History of Domestic Labor. Watch for your invitation!



The **Closing Session** will leave you happy and smiling as comedian, [Jim Snack](#), provides inspiration for our work and ideas for harnessing the power of humor to create change.

Up for Exploring on Your Own? [Go Providence](#) will be at the Welcome Event to assist you with your planning. For those with sea-legs, there are [local running/walking](#) tours. You'll be swamped with ideas on to-dos creating Oceans of Opportunities for exploring!

Not yet on board? Please [Register now!](#) "Sea" you in Providence!