## **Cornell Atkinson Topical Lunch:**

**Title:** The Big Thaw: Policy, Governance and Climate Change in the Circumpolar North

Speaker: <u>Prof. Kim Diana Connolly</u> (Vice Dean, University at Buffalo School of Law)

Organizer: Katherine Bunting-Howarth (Associate Director, NY Sea Grant)

Date: Monday, November 25th, 2019; 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Location: 300 Rice Hall

**Abstract:** The Arctic is warming at almost twice the rate of areas elsewhere on the globe. Professor Kim Diana Connolly, Vice Dean at University at Buffalo School of Law, is the co-editor and chapter author of a book by this same title which explores some of what that dramatic change will mean. Professor Connolly will be visiting Cornell on November 25th to discuss the unique policy, governance, and cultural issues emerging as our planet warms and the Arctic ice melts. The feedback loop of ice melt, the disappearance of summer ice, the extreme stress on wildlife and humans...existing and coming shifts due to climate change will impact not only the environment and ecology of the Arctic, but cultures, economies, and societies globally. Please join us to discuss these issues as well as potential future collaborations around the policy, governance, and scientific needs that climate change presents in this unique geography.

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