



Biography

Phoebe Schreiner, CADE Executive Director

Phoebe Schreiner joined CADE as Executive Director in 2018. Building on CADE's legacy as a key player in New York's agricultural sector, she is leading the organization into its next phase of growth and impact in strengthening the regional food system and building a thriving agricultural economy.

In September 2019, she delivered a Tedx Talk, "[Why America Needs a New Foodshed](#)", articulating her long-term vision for New York to become the leading foodshed to feed the Northeast by 2050, to support a vibrant agricultural economy and support food security for regional communities in the context of climate change.

With a career history in international development, she brings two decades of global-to-local experience leading social and economic development programs around the world--leading systems change through advocacy and stakeholder engagement; movement building vis-a-vis storytelling and media; and social entrepreneurship via piloting, replicating, and scaling models for social transformation. She has worked across the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and Central/South Asia, and the United States--with such agencies as the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the United Nations, Open Society Foundations, and others.

Schreiner has worked to deliver development impacts in part by connecting stakeholders with and advocating for implementation of international standards set by the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and other policy instruments. She was an invited guest at the launch of the UN Decade of Family Farming, and an invited speaker at the Skoll World Forum in Oxford, U.K. in 2017 on scaling models for social transformation.

Schreiner is currently a member of Congressman Delgado's Agricultural Advisory Committee for the 19th Congressional District, the Otsego County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Committee, the NY Grown Food for NY Kids Coalition organized by the American Farmland Trust, the Farm-to-School Task Force of Delaware County, the Otsego County Energy Task Force Sub-Committee on Economic Development, Technical Committee of the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education, Otsego County Environmental Conservation Collaborative, and the Schoharie County Land Trust.

Schreiner, a beekeeper, is 8th generation on her family's homestead in Cornell Hollow, settled in 1795 by her 5x great grandparents, William and Nelli Cornell, in Schoharie County, NY.

Schreiner earned her M.A. from Columbia University and B.A. from Smith College.