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Rhea Jezer is President of Energy21 and founder and director of the Annual Symposium on Energy in the 21st Century which is in its eighteenth year. She previously served on the faculties of SUNY ESF and Cazenovia College.

Rhea is a noted environmental consultant and policy advisor to eco-businesses, candidates, environmental groups and elected officials for both major parties. She was an environmental advisor for Sen. Hillary Clinton for nine years, worked closely with Gov. George Pataki and with Gov. Andrew Cuomo. She served on or was team leader for several national and state presidential and governor's environmental transition teams, was an active member of the New York Leadership Council for the 2016 Hillary Clinton for President Campaign and was an elected Biden delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

Rhea was Chair of Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter and served on several national Sierra Club committees. She ran as a Congressional Candidate twice, and was chair of the Dewitt Democratic Party. Dr. Jezer penned major U.S. legislation including "For The Encouragement of Women and Under-represented Minorities to Enter the Fields of Science and Mathematics".

Rhea is a member of the NY League of Conservation Voters Board, serves or served on many other boards including American Red Cross, Onondaga County District Attorney Advisory Council, New York Interfaith Power & Light, CNY Friends of Chamber Music, and Syracuse Interreligious Council.

Rhea is also a noted musician and choral conductor and for years performed as a harpsichord soloist, including at the Skaneateles Music Festival. She founded and was soloist for the Syracuse Camerata, a CNY Baroque Orchestra.

She is most proud of the many recognitions she has received, including Post Standard Achievement Award, USA "Greening our Community Advocacy Award", NAACP Humanitarian Award, National Organization of Women "Woman of Power" Award, Congressional Fellowship in Women & Public Policy, InterFaith Works Leadership Award, Midwood H.S "Most accomplished Alumna in Science and Technology Award", Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli's "Outstanding Service to New York State Award", and this past year Brooklyn College Alumni Association "Lifetime Achievement Award".

Dr. Jezer holds a Ph.D from Syracuse University, MA from Columbia University Graduate Faculty, and a BA from Brooklyn College, as well as a certificate in Gender Studies from Syracuse University.