



FOREST HISTORY SOCIETY

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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ON THE COVER *Top:* The Forest History Society headquarters, library, and archives in Durham, North Carolina. *Bottom:* The FHS board of directors, along with Smokey Bear, celebrated the opening of the new headquarters in May 2019. (Board of directors photo by Chris Hildreth, Rooster Media Productions)



We prepared this report as the world is concluding two years of dealing with the coronavirus pandemic. We are pleased to report that the Forest History Society has been able to continue its mission and flourish during this time, and that it is positioned to expand and take advantage of strategic opportunities. Our long-time supporters and new donors have made this possible. We can't say "Thank you!" enough.

A great milestone was achieved when the Society moved into its new 16,750-square-foot library, archives, and headquarters in January 2019. The new building transformed the organization by providing, for the first time in its 75-year history, state-of-the-art facilities to support staff responsibilities and member activities, and offer a springboard for new collaborations and funding. The final campaign raised \$7.1 million, making FHS *the* center for the preservation, scholarship, research, and education in forest history.

The larger space is already attracting important archival records. New collections received this past year include records from the Forest Landowner Association and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative. A unique collection came from the Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC) in Freiberg, Germany. The GFMC is a United Nations-related group that works with countries throughout the world regarding their national wildfire and prescribed fire plans and policies.

The professionalism of FHS staff was instrumental in helping us through the pandemic. After working from home for three months, staff have been operating in our offices since June 2020 without incident. The library staff was able to safely conduct research for individuals needing access to the archival materials, and they report that research requests have continued to increase.

Much more activity can be found online. The staff launched a series of virtual lectures on forest and environmental history topics that have attracted more than 10,000 attendees from 40 countries on six continents. Two interns created digital exhibits about the fiberboard industry and tribal forest management for the FHS website. Recently, FHS completed a grant to digitize and post online the biographical files of more than 5,000 former U.S. Forest Service employees.

At the October 2021 FHS board meeting, the directors approved a new strategic plan for the 2022–2032 time period. The plan comes after two years of robust interaction with the board and FHS staff, informed by input from Society members, and with insight about best practices and emerging technologies from leading library, archives, and digital humanities experts. High-level priorities include strengthening financial resources, ensuring effective governance, and growing a range of programs that will secure diverse collections, encourage scholarship, and increase visibility, engagement, and collaborations.

The FHS staff is a gifted, skilled, and committed team dedicated to the mission of the Society and to serving its members and the greater public. The FHS board of directors is a strong and diverse group of committed individuals that shares our passion for forest history. Together, with your support, we will provide current and future generations access to their forest heritage. Thank you again for your generosity and confidence as we move the Forest History Society forward.



Bob Izlar, Chair, Board of Directors

Steven Anderson, President and CEO

THE NEW FHS HEADQUARTERS



In January 2019, FHS staff moved into its new headquarters. The result of nine years of planning, fundraising, and construction, the new facility provides the Society with a launching pad for its future programs. In total, donors made gifts and pledges of \$7.1 million, enough to complete construction, pay off the temporary bridge loan, and help FHS remain debt free. Members and friends who generously supported the building project are recognized in the lobby of the building. Special thanks are due to the 15 companies that provided more than \$300,000 in wood product materials.

The 16,750-square-foot facility has already helped FHS advance its mission. The new archival space is attracting important collections from individuals,

organizations, and companies, and we encourage all of our members to let us know about any historical records that may be at risk.

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Carl A. Weyerhaeuser Library and the Lynn W. Day Education Center welcomed many groups that used the new meeting space, including the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and the Triangle chapter of the Society of American Foresters. Duke Forest held its annual meeting here as well. We also enjoyed hosting more than 90 middle school students who were engaged in a module of sustainability.

Fortunately, the new building was favorably designed to deal with the pandemic as FHS staff worked from their offices since June 2020 without incident and

researchers were accommodated one at a time.

The Spring 2022 board meeting was the first in-person group meeting since the pandemic began, and we plan to host other on-site meetings as circumstances allow. The meeting space can accommodate about 110 theater style and 160 for a reception. Tours can be arranged for any national meetings being held in the Raleigh-Durham area.

“Today we celebrate our success in our campaign and opening the new building. Gathered together today, we still embrace one defining mission—of fostering the study of human interaction with the forested environment.”

**Ned Phares, Co-Chair,
Building on History Campaign**

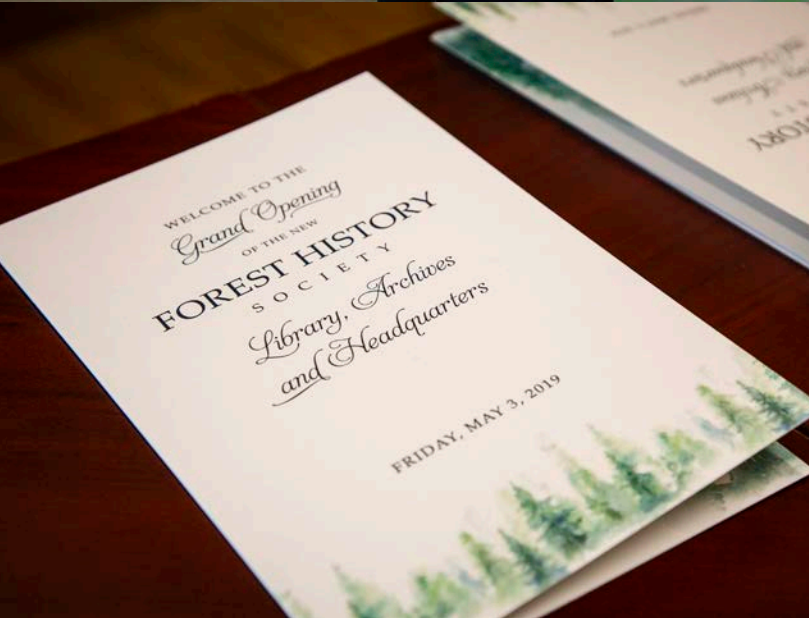
“The Building on History Campaign gave the Society its very own, purposely designed and built home and greatly enhanced its ability to fulfill the important mission of preserving forest and conservation history. I’m proud that the campaign exceeded expectations due to the hard work of many people and allowed this wonderful facility to become a reality.”

L. Michael Kelly
Co-Chair, Building on History Campaign

LIBRARY PHOTO BY CHRIS HILDRETH, ROOSTER MEDIA PRODUCTIONS



President Steven Anderson welcomes 165 members, donors, and friends at the grand opening.



Middle school students explore the archives.

ANNUAL GIVING—A HISTORY OF GIVING

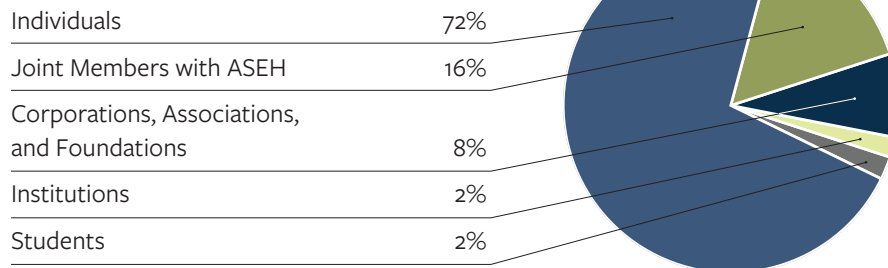
“... a program to establish a collection of authoritative data on the history of the forest industries and to encourage a more careful study of the historical facts involved.” — Fred K. Weyerhaeuser, 1945

In September 1945, F. E. Weyerhaeuser spoke with his family about wanting to preserve the history of America’s forest products industry. F. E.’s nephew Fred, inspired by his uncle, made the initial donation to establish what is today’s Forest History Society on June 12, 1946. This donation set in motion the work that has expanded in audience and content over time.

Ever since, inspired donors like you have embraced the value of understanding forest and conservation issues through a historic lens, in part so that all peoples and cultures might better care for our forestlands. Through the years, donors have been generous with their support. Last year was no different, yet it was exceptional. As of June 30, 2021, your annual fund contributions totaled \$485,332. That’s an increase of 20% over the previous year. Thank you!

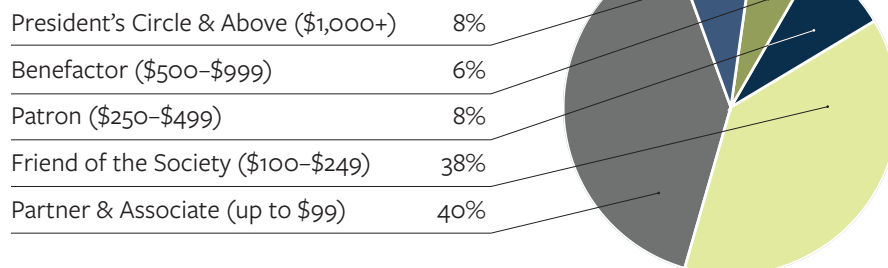
970
donors
made
gifts
totaling
\$485,332
in **2021!**

DONOR TYPES



970 Donors

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS



“The forest industry has been an important, although often overlooked, part of the history of North America. I have supported the Forest History Society for over 30 years because of their outstanding work to preserve this history and make it available to the public in a variety of ways. Their work is certainly worthy of everyone’s support!”

John P. Case,
Chairman (ret.)
JM Longyear and
FHS 25+ Year Member

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS For the year ended June 30, 2021

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Income

Contributions	\$694,956
Program and Other Revenue	\$52,159
Investment Income	\$105,272
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain	\$1,870,162

Total Support, Revenue, and Investment Income **\$2,722,549**

Expenses

Program Services	\$854,701
Administration	\$82,122
Fundraising	\$61,494
Depreciation	\$175,170

Total Expenses **\$1,173,487**

Change in Net Assets

Net Assets—Beginning of Year	\$14,526,105
Net Assets—End of Year	\$16,075,167

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets

Current Assets	\$961,324
Investments	\$9,371,859
Pledges Receivable, long term	\$3,235
Land, Building, and Equipment (net)	\$6,046,022

Total Assets **\$16,382,440**

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities	\$95,299
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$211,974
Temporarily Restricted Assets	\$6,828,752
Permanently Restricted Assets	\$9,246,415

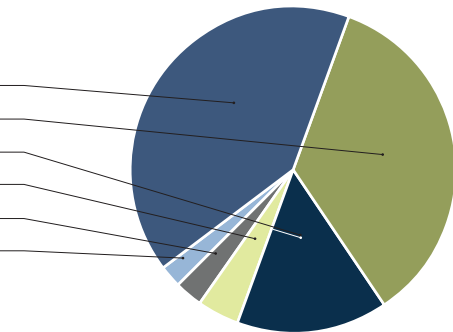
Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$16,382,440**

Audited financial statements and IRS Form 990 are available at www.foresthistory.org or by phone (919) 682-9319.

OPERATING REVENUE

Endowment Withdrawal	\$404,388	44%
Annual Giving	\$485,332	30%
Program Gifts, Grants, and Contracts	\$174,379	11%
Funds Released from Restrictions	\$32,280	10%
Publications and Royalties	\$20,249	4%
Interest, Dividends, and Miscellaneous	\$49,430	1%

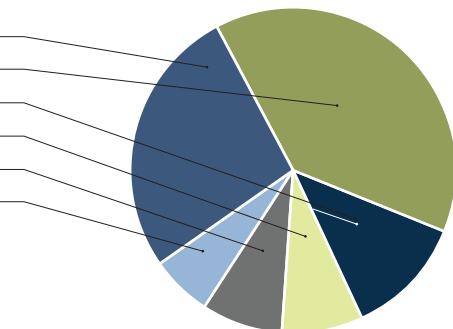
Total **\$1,166,057**



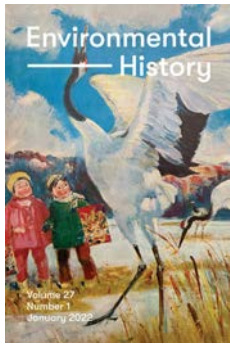
OPERATING EXPENSES

Library and Archives	\$270,794	28%
Research and Publications	\$384,667	24%
Education and Outreach	\$118,436	16%
Administration	\$82,122	15%
Awards and Fellowships	\$80,804	11%
Development	\$61,494	6%

Total **\$998,317**



NEW EDITORS AND PUBLISHING PARTNER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY



After 12 years in a very productive publishing partnership with Oxford University Press, we are excited about starting a new era for the journal. Partnering with the University of Chicago Press journals program will allow us to serve our members and supporters through improved access to the journal and active collaboration on our outreach goals. The first journal issue under UCP was the January 2022 issue shown here. The journal now reaches 5,439 libraries and research institutions worldwide.

We also want to recognize the exemplary work of our current editors, Stephen Brain and Mark Hersey, both at Mississippi State University. Following a successful transition from previous editor Lisa Brady, they have successfully managed the transition with UCP, including using a new editing manager platform. Copublished with the American Society for Environmental History, the journal is the world's leading scholarly journal in environmental history and the journal of record in the field. Scholarship published in it explores the changing relationships between humans and the environment over time, bringing together insights from geography, anthropology, the natural sciences, science and technology studies, political ecology, and many other disciplines to inform historical scholarship.



Stephen Brain



Mark Hersey

75TH ANNIVERSARY SPARKS A DAY OF GIVING



Launched in June 2020 with an eye towards the FHS 75th anniversary in 2021, the Annual Day of Giving for Forest History has been a significant success. It allows current donors and new supporters to rally around their passion for forest history

to help acquire and preserve new archival collections; host the webinar series; and digitize historic photographs. In 2021, the Day of Giving raised \$25,000 in “challenge gifts,” which inspired \$49,183 in matching gifts for a total of \$74,183 raised. The FHS anniversary has been marked as June 12th, the day in 1946 when the Weyerhaeuser family established the Forest Products History Foundation at the Minnesota Historical Society.

Thank you to all who participated as Challenge Gift and Matching Gift Donors!

FHS Board Approves 2022–2032 Strategic Plan

Some strategic plans sit on the shelf and some precipitate action. In 2010, one of the highest priorities identified in the Society's strategic plan was more space. That need led to a building campaign, and we moved into our state-of-the-art library, archives, and headquarters in January 2019.

Approved by the FHS board in October, the 2022–2032 strategic plan is aspirational in that it envisions continued growth for the Society in order to take advantage of the strategic opportunities presented by the new facility. The plan was developed with input from the board and former board of directors, chief executives, FHS staff, and Society members. It includes insight about best practices and emerging technologies from FHS partners and from leading experts in archives and libraries.

Led by committee co-chairs Doug Decker and Dan Christensen, the plan charts five goals, 24 strategies, and 132 tactics.

A summary of the 2022–2032 strategic plan can be found on our website at: foresthistory.org/plan

LIBRARY & ARCHIVES STAFF

Though small in number, the library staff is large in talent and skills. Lauren, Eben, and Jamie bring a combined total of forty years of experience to helping researchers around the world do their work—whether they need a rare document for a book, moving footage for a film, or background information for a breaking news story.

Following are the top-level priorities:



Strengthen Financial Resources

Secure sufficient financial resources to allow FHS to support its mission and vision for the future.



Ensure Effective Governance to Execute the FHS Strategy

Ensure an effective organization by attracting and retaining a high-capacity, engaged, and diverse board of directors and staff.



Expand FHS Programming and Publications

Encourage and support scholarship and programs that enhance knowledge of forest history for diverse publics.



Strengthen Visibility and Engagement

Build the Forest History Society brand, increase outreach, and cultivate collaborations.



Broaden Holdings and Improve Access

Expand and diversify FHS Library and Archives holdings and enhance access to them.



Lauren Bissonette, MLIS
FHS Librarian (2019)

Lauren's responsibilities include managing the library and providing reference assistance to patrons, as well as acquiring and cataloging new books and assisting with digitization projects. She helps oversee volunteers and interns, manages the bibliographic database to build an up-to-date FHS catalog, and contributes to the New Scholarship section in *Environmental History*. Lauren is also the resident expert when it comes to the latest digital technologies deployed in capturing oral history interviews or converting analogue media to digital format. Lauren holds a Master's of Information in Library Science with a concentration in Cultural Heritage from Simmons University



Eben Lehman, MSLS
FHS Archivist (2007)

Eben has two jobs. As the Director of Library and Archives, he is responsible for the oversight and management of the archives and library. As the FHS archivist, he works with individuals and organizations wishing to donate books and archival collections, and supervises their acquisition and processing; manages digitization projects; provides reference assistance to remote and onsite researchers; and maintains the research databases. In addition, he is a contributor to our blog *Peeling Back the Bark* and coordinates social media outreach. Eben holds a Master's of Science in Library Science from the University of North Carolina.



Jamie Lewis, PhD
Historian (2003)

Jamie has served as the editor of and contributor to *Forest History Today* magazine since 2007, and he edits and writes for our blog. He also hosts FHS's monthly webinar series *Conversations in Forest History*. Jamie is the author of *The Forest Service and the Greatest Good* and edited the collection *Lands Worth Saving*, and was an executive producer, writer, and onscreen interview for the FHS film *America's First Forest*. He is frequently called upon to give media interviews and public presentations on a wide range of forest history topics. Jamie holds a PhD in U.S. history from Florida State University.



VIRTUAL TALKS ON VITAL TOPICS

At the height of the pandemic, FHS launched the *Unprecedented Seasons* webinar series and helped more than **5,000 people** around the world explore inequality and social justice, social isolation, social distancing, and climate change through forest history. For this year's series, *Conversations in Forest History*, host and FHS historian Jamie Lewis broadened the focus and invited leading historians, artists, researchers, and policy makers to share their historical knowledge. As of June 2022 we have reached another **4,000 attendees**. All presentations are available on the FHS YouTube channel.

Unprecedented Seasons

- Wilderness and the Pandemic, *DJ Lee*
- U.S. Forest Service in the Civil Rights Era, *Donna Sinclair*
- Henry David Thoreau on Slavery and Nature, *Laura Dassow Walls*
- War and the Environment, *Roundtable Discussion*
- Stewart Udall on Environment and Race, *John de Graaf*
- Fire Suppression and Indigenous Burning, *Char Miller*
- Wood Bioenergy and Forest Supplies, *Brooks Mendell*
- Wild History: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Archives & Museum, *Mark Madison*
- Recruiting Students in Natural Resources & Forestry, *Tremaine Brittan and Sam Cook*
- The Pyrocene: How Humanity Created a Fire Age, *Stephen Pyne*

Conversations in Forest History

- The End of American Hemlock and Beeches, *Tim Palmer*
- Frederick Law Olmsted: Bringing Nature to the City, *Laurence Cotton*
- Heirs' Property and Forest Ownership, *Mavis Gragg & Sam Cook*
- Earth Optimism: A Global Narrative for Conservation, *Ruth Anna Stolk & Nancy Knowlton*
- Women's Voices in Our Land Ethic Narratives, *Rachel Kline*
- Forest History as the Artist's Source Material, *Shing Yin Khor*
- Foresters and the Founding of the Wilderness Society, *Paul Sutter*
- Environmental History of the American Chestnut, *Donald Edward Davis*

Unlocking the Bioeconomy for Non-Timber Forest Products

This webinar series focused on non-timber forest products (NTFPs) and the bioeconomy. Produced in partnership with the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service, and Remnin University, these webinars have been viewed more than 12,000 times by people in more than 40 countries on six continents. Webinars were moderated by James Chamberlain, chair of the IUFRO Task Force investigating the topic. Presentations in this series included:

- Non-wood Provisioning Services from Mediterranean Forest Ecosystems, *Sven Mutke*
- Stone Pine Cultivation and the Emerging Bioeconomy in Chile, *Verónica Loewe Muñoz*
- Non-Wood Forest Products in Six European Regions, *Harald Vacik*
- Commercialization of Baobab Fruit Products as an Exemplary NTFP, *Kathrin Meinhold*
- Towards a Himalayan Bioeconomy, *Carsten Smith-Hall*
- Roles of NTFPs in Poverty Alleviation in Southwest China, *Jinlong Liu*
- Nontimber Forest Products and Bioeconomy: A U.S. Perspective, *James Chamberlain*
- NTFPs and Bioeconomy in the European Union NWFP in Agroforestry, *Marko Lovric*
- Farmer's Perceptions in Europe, *Mercedes Rois Díaz*
- NTFPs in Mexico and Their Potential for the Bioeconomy, *María Teresa Pulido Silva*

FHS
webinars
have
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“What a wealth of information! Thank you to the Forest History Society for sharing so many details and for illustrating connections across place, people, and time.”

INTERNS

The Forest History Society offers a unique opportunity for students who wish to enhance their educational experience with an internship. As a specialty library and archive with a small staff, we provide an up-close, hands-on experience that supports their studies in forest and environmental history or in library and information sciences. Interns work on digitization projects and create content for digital exhibits, blog posts, and other outlets. Here is what last year's interns had to say about their time at FHS:



Corinne S. Foster
*MA Public History,
North Carolina State University*

I chose FHS for my internship because I was eager to gain experience at an archival institution that is dedicated to environmental history, my primary historical field. During my time at the FHS I digitized nearly 7,000 photographs from the Weyerhaeuser Company Records. By working with such a large collection, I was exposed to various aspects of forestry and the forest products industry that I had been unfamiliar with before. I also gained experience in all steps of the digitization process. This internship has furthered my interests in digital librarianship, which I will continue to explore in my studies at UNC's School of Information and Library Science.



Jake MacDonnell
*MLS, University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill*

Archives and records management are my primary areas of study. I chose to intern at FHS because it seemed like an amazing collection of materials, and it was a great opportunity to build on my prior work experience in academic and governmental archives.

At FHS, I worked on the Quinault Indian Reservation collection. I digitized records and photographs from the collection as well as related photos from the Harold Weaver Notebooks collection. I used these resources, along with journals and books from the FHS library, to create a digital exhibit on land mismanagement by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the Quinault Indian Reservation. My time with the Quinault Indian Reservation collection helped me consider new perspectives and demanded intensive research efforts to properly convey that history.



Andi Kolarov
*Master's Student, Duke University
Nicholas School for the Environment*

I reached out to FHS after deciding to pursue a Master of Forestry. They offered me an opportunity to explore the challenges, triumphs, and changes recorded over centuries of lessons learned by those involved with managing our natural resources. My first project was "The Oberlander Trust and American Forestry," which involved a surprising number of prominent foresters and lots of information despite being only a brief moment in history. I am currently working on a digital exhibit on women's labor in the U.S. Forest Service and another about Redwood National Park. This internship exposed me to the types of forestry opportunities that could potentially be available to me after I graduate. Not only am I learning about past practices and important figures, I am exploring public and private agencies that manage our nation's forests.

RESEARCHERS

The Society's extensive library collection and unique archival holdings—which includes rare photos, artwork, films, and interview recordings—attract researchers from as far away as Australia. For younger scholars, FHS offers the Alfred D. Bell Jr. Travel Grant to help with travel and lodging expenses while using our library and archives.



Shing Yin Khor is a self-described Paul Bunyan “nerd.” Shing is investigating the evolution of the Paul Bunyan mythos, with a focus on immigrant labor in the early American logging industry for an upcoming nonfiction book project. The FHS library and archives offers a vast array of documents on the topic. Shing shared with FHS staff: “The sheer volume [of materials] is mind-boggling. Being able to read and hold in my hand the correspondence of [Bunyan illustrator] W. B. Laughead brings context to the social relationships. Being at the FHS library and archives, reading correspondence, doing research and listening to oral histories will add a whole new dimension to my work.”



Bert Geyer is a lecturer in the Art and Design Department at Chicago State University. For an art project, Bert researched the history of the Nebraska National Forest, which was created in 1902 as an experiment to see if a forest could be established where none had existed. He explained that “studying the Bessey Nursery and the national forest could disclose continuity and difference in the aesthetic renderings of current projects operating at the confluence of new technology, economic development, and land management.” He added, “It is my hope to better understand the ecological, economic, and aesthetic factors which influenced the transition from development to preservation.”



Albert Way is an associate professor of history at Kennesaw State University and has written widely about forest history in the U.S. South. Working on behalf of FHS and the U.S. Forest Service, Albert is preparing a history of the agency's Southern Research Station. He believes the agency's records at the National Archives and in the Forest Service History Reference Collection at FHS, and its oral history collection, will be critical in telling this history. “I have conducted enough research in both collections in the past to know that their contents reveal both the micro-level details and the broader significance of the Forest Service research network.”



Ian Snider's dissertation abstract states that on mostly small family tracts in the Appalachian Mountains, a unique band of forest stewards are plying an ancient craft now called Artisan Forestry. They practice low-impact timber extraction by horse or other beast of burden. FHS has the unique resources essential to a fuller understanding of Artisan Forestry's historical context and of the stages of development in the region's forest industry. Using both quantitative and qualitative approaches, his study seeks to grapple with the equation of forests, people, and profit while suggesting practical methods for the advancement of this movement by consumers, educational institutions, government agencies, and private industry.”

NEW COLLECTIONS

Last year, the Forest History Society accepted 39 new new collections to include correspondence, reports, maps, ledgers, photographs, and other documents, among them:



Cassie Phillips is a retired Vice President for the Environment for Weyerhaeuser Company. When the company moved its headquarters to Seattle, it sold its former headquarters and surrounding 425-acre campus to a developer that wanted to build industrial warehouses on the property. This would irreparably change a landscape that features trails, open spaces, and lakefront managed by a professional forester that had been open to the public for forty years. Cassie is assisting a nonprofit group that is appealing the city's decisions to allow development. She stated, "My research in the Weyerhaeuser Company records at FHS explored how the surrounding forests and other grounds were designed and maintained to complement the HQ site."

Global Fire Monitoring Center Records

In the process of moving from Germany to Mongolia, the Global Fire Monitoring Center was forced to downsize their library and archives. Thanks to the intervention of an FHS member, FHS arranged to take on those materials for permanent safekeeping. The first of multiple shipments included books, reports, files, and other publications on fire policy, remote sensing technology, and global fire issues in North America, South America, Africa, and Europe. These items are a significant addition to our own fire history holdings and will be an excellent resource for future researchers.

Forest Landowners Association Records

The Forest Landowners Association represents the economic interests of family forest landowners and their natural resource assets. FLA chose FHS to be the permanent repository of their historic records. This collection of around 100 boxes includes organizational records, meeting minutes, photographs, and all issues of *Forest Farmer* and *Forest Landowner* magazine dating back to 1942.

C. A. Dillon Collection of Forest Products Industry Analysis

FHS received six boxes of materials providing detailed forest products industry financial analysis, spanning 40 years from 1980 to 2020, from Chip and Margaret Dillon. The materials include reports, data, and market analysis from Salomon Brothers, Salomon Smith Barney, Citigroup, and Credit Suisse covering the paper and forest products industries. The collection offers insight into various sub-markets involving the forest and its by-products during much of the information revolution and changes in product packaging and distribution seen over the past half-century.

Sustainable Forestry Initiative Records

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) is a sustainability organization operating in the United States and is the world's largest single forest certification standard by area. The collection of materials donated to FHS includes records from the 1990s through 2021. The records feature newsletters, brochures, annual progress reports, information on the development of standards, as well as audio interviews with 13 individuals involved in the development and implementation of the SFI program.



AWARDS

The Forest History Society awards program enables the Society to recognize research and writing in forest and conservation history and to stimulate further research into our understanding of the relationships between people and forests. The following are this year's award recipients.



Elizabeth Hennessy
Leopold-Hidy Award

Elizabeth Hennessy, an associate professor of history and environmental studies at the University of Wisconsin, received the 2021 Leopold-Hidy Award for her article, "Saving Species: The Co-Evolution of Tortoise Taxonomy and Conservation in the Galapagos Islands," which uses a case study of Galapagos tortoises to explore "the question of how we understand what species are," a question of obvious, indeed crucial, importance in an era marked by rapid and ongoing extinction. The Forest History Society and the American Society for Environmental History annually present the Leopold-Hidy Award to honor the best article in the *Environmental History* journal.



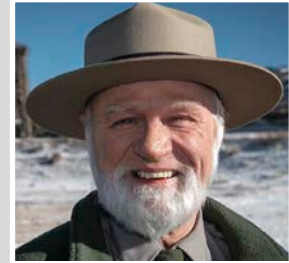
David Fedman
Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Book Award

David Fedman, an associate professor of history at the University of California, Irvine, received the Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Book Award for *Seeds of Control: Japan's Empire of Forestry in Colonial Korea* (University of Washington Press, 2020). His book explores Japanese imperialism through the lens of forest conservation in colonial Korea—a project of environmental rule that outlived the empire itself. It examines the roots of Japanese ideas about the Korean landscape and the consequences and aftermath of Japanese approaches to Korean "greenification." The award honors superior scholarship and fresh insight in forest and conservation history.



Gabriel Popkin
John M. Collier Award for Forest History Journalism

The John M. Collier Award recognizes one author annually for the best article about forest and conservation history that is published in newspapers, trade publications, or general circulation magazines. Independent journalist Gabriel Popkin's article, "Can Genetic Engineering Bring Back the American Chestnut?" tells the story of an attempt through genetic engineering to rescue the American Chestnut tree, which was all but wiped out by 1940 because of a blight. The article appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*.



Lee H. Whittlesey
Theodore C. Blegen Award

Retired Yellowstone National Park historian Lee Whittlesey's article, "Abundance, Slaughter, and Resilience of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem's Mammal Population: A View of Historical Record, 1871–1885," was published in *Montana: The Magazine of Western History*. This winning article reveals that while subsistence hunting by Indigenous inhabitants and Euro-American settlers affected the greater Yellowstone region's wildlife populations, unregulated commercial hunting and thrill killing increased the number of mammals killed to the level of wholesale slaughter between 1871 and 1885. The Theodore C. Blegen Award recognizes the best article about forest and conservation history published in a journal other than *Environmental History*.

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Kyuhyun Han
2021 *Walter S. Rosenberry Fellow*

Kyuhyun Han is a PhD candidate in the History Department at the University of California at Santa Cruz focusing on the study of human-animal relations in modern Chinese history, specifically focusing on the history of the People’s Republic of China. Her research project, “Seeing the Forest Like a State: Forest Management, Wildlife Conservation, and Center-Periphery Relations in Northeast China, 1949–1988,” challenges the premise that the Mao era was devoid of environmental protection policies by considering Chinese scientific discussions and conservation policy in the context of the international development of environmental consciousness during that time.



Vivien Rendleman
2021 *F. K. Weyerhaeuser Fellow*

Vivien Rendleman is a PhD student in the Department of History at Duke University. She received the 2021 Weyerhaeuser Fellowship award for her project, “Unfree Soil: Empire, Labor, and Coercion in the Upper Mississippi River Valley, 1803–1861.” Rendleman’s dissertation asks how the geography of the Upper Mississippi River Valley shaped relationships of work and power in the nineteenth-century United States by centering the region’s Native American people and their lifeways, as well as the historical role of non-human nature.

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For his many years of outstanding leadership and service to the Society and outstanding sustained contributions to the research, writing, and teaching of forest history, the FHS board of directors unanimously and posthumously approved Peter Murphy as “Fellow,” the Society’s highest honor. Peter joined FHS in 1986 and quickly proved an enthusiastic member. In short order, he joined its board of directors and served as board chair in the 1990s. Peter was instrumental in strengthening relationships between the Forest History Society and Canada.

In 1975, Peter became the chair of the Forestry program at the University of Alberta, a position he held until his retirement in 1995. While teaching and conducting research in forest policy and fire management there, he completed a PhD at the University of British Columbia in 1985. He was co-author of the FHS collaborative publication *A Hard Road to Travel: Land, Forests, and People in the Upper Athabasca Region*, one of his many books on forestry in Alberta and Canada. He was the founding force behind the Forest History Association of Alberta. For his ceaseless efforts to preserve forest history and make it accessible, Peter was named an FHS Fellow.

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