



Two Awarded the Walter S. Rosenberry Fellowship

For the first time in its five-year history, the [Walter S. Rosenberry Fellowship](#) has been awarded to two applicants. Aaron Thomas and Will Wright are the recipients. This fellowship provides a \$15,000 stipend to support the doctoral research of a graduate student attending a university in North America and whose research contributes to forest and conservation history. Recipients are also eligible for travel funding to present a paper at a professional conference.



Aaron Thomas

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Here are some upcoming events where you can connect with FHS Staff.

FHS Board of Directors Meeting

Missoula, MT,
Oct. 10-12

You are welcome to attend a film screening of [America's First Forest](#) at the University of Montana, **Thursday, Oct. 10, from 6 to 7 pm.** Come meet FHS Board members at reception following the film.

Aaron Thomas, a PhD candidate in history at Mississippi State University-Starkville, will examine the history of real and fake Christmas trees to better understand their impact on debates about conservation and forestry management from the late nineteenth century to today. His dissertation is entitled "Controlling Christmas: An Environmental History of Natural and Artificial Trees."



Will Wright

The dissertation title of Will Wright, PhD candidate in history at Montana State University, is "Nature Unbound: What Gray Wolves, Giant Sequoias, and Monarch Butterflies Tell Us about Large Landscape Conservation." He is studying these three iconic species to investigate how human communities in North America were forced to rethink conservation spaces over the long twentieth century (1880s to present).

Event Reminder!

On Oct. 1, Andrea Wulf, author of the award-winning book *The Invention of Nature*, will give the Lynn Day Lectureship in Forest and Conservation History. The lecture will be **Oct. 1, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm** in the Levine Science Research Center's Love Auditorium on Duke University's West Campus. To learn more, head over to [our website](#). To watch it live online, follow [this link](#) or go over to our [YouTube Channel](#).

Born 250 years ago, Alexander von Humboldt is one of the most influential scientists to have ever lived. His work laid the foundations for ecology, geography, and natural resource conservation. Yet today he's largely

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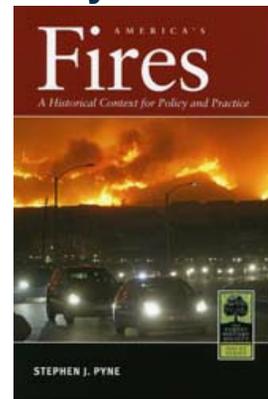
**Society of
American
Foresters
National
Convention**
Louisville, KY,
Oct. 30-Nov. 2

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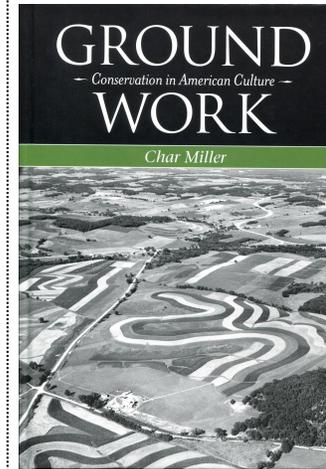
In [America's Fires: A Historical Context for Policy and Practice](#), Stephen Pyne, the world's leading fire historian, reviews the historical

forgotten in the United States -- this despite nine towns and numerous geographic features having been named for him. Acclaimed author Andrea Wulf will explore how he influenced contemporaries including Darwin and Goethe, as well as directly inspired John Muir and Henry David Thoreau -- and how his work still impacts us today.



context of our fire issues and policies. The resulting analysis shows why it is imperative that the nation review its policies toward wildland fires and find ways to live with them more intelligently.

Or this engaging collection of essays?



In [*Ground Work: Conservation in American Culture*](#), Char Miller offers intriguing insights into American conservation history that spans topics from the Progressive Era roots of the American conservation movement.

Kline Delves Into Women's History



Rachel Kline, a historian with the U.S. Forest Service and a doctoral student at the University of New Hampshire, spent two weeks with us researching about women in conservation work, specifically those who've worked in the Forest Service. In her dissertation she "hopes to highlight women's work and contributions as an integral part of conservation and Forest Service history."

She says she's collected archival materials and records about Forest Service women for the past several years, and that she spent her time at FHS "researching the topic in the [U.S. Forest Service Headquarters History Collection](#), [Society of American Foresters](#) records, [American Forestry Association](#) records, numerous journals, and by wandering a lot through the stacks."

FHS Historian Appears on New Podcast

FHS historian Jamie Lewis will appear on the first episode of a new podcast, available starting Sept. 30. "[California Burning](#)" takes a deep and critical look at how the Golden State's fire-prone forests have been managed, and how residents can all learn from the past to be better stewards of the land and avoid catastrophic wildfires in the future.

Producer Matt Fidler of North State Public Radio in California interviewed Jamie back in May about Smokey Bear for the podcast. The interview was recorded in FHS's new Oral History Studio. Also appearing in the first episode are FHS Fellows and fellow historians [Char Miller](#) and [Stephen Pyne](#).



Jamie fielded questions by phone while his answers were recorded for use in the podcast.

What's Coming in the Next Issue of *Forest History Today*?

The next issue of [*Forest History Today*](#) is in production and should be out in November! Articles will include a look at how a law aimed at helping a housing shortage in urban centers transformed ski resorts; a brief look at films that positively portray Native Americans which were filmed on national forests; the conservation work of a conscientious objector during World War II; and reflections on the National Environmental Policy Act on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Just a reminder that you must be a member in good standing to receive the magazine. If you haven't yet, be sure to [renew your membership](#) today! As the saying goes, membership has its privileges.



Photo from Dances With Wolves courtesy of Marc Wanamaker/Bison Archives

