

## FHS to Head Southern Research Station History



Dr. Albert Way

The U.S. Forest Service Southern Research Station's centennial is 2021. The Forest History Society, through a Research Joint Venture Agreement, is collaborating with the Station to conduct research leading to a book about its 100-year history.

In 1921, the Forest Service established the Appalachian Forest Experiment Station in

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### CORRECTION

In the August 2020 *Forest Timeline* newsletter, the article about Terry Baker's visit to FHS identified him as the Society of American Foresters' President. Terry is SAF's CEO, and Tamara Cushing is the current President. Our apologies to both Terry and Tamara.

**America's First Forest**  
now available through  
streaming

*America's First Forest*, the  
Emmy Award-winning film

Asheville, NC, and the Southern Forest Experiment Station in New Orleans. In 1995 the Southern Research Station was formed when the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station (the successor in name to the Appalachian Forest Experiment Station) merged with the Southern Forest Experiment Station. During the past 100 years, the Southern Research Station and its predecessors have significantly contributed to forest research and development that resulted in the thirteen states of the U.S. South becoming the largest timber producing region in the world.

FHS is fortunate to have attracted Dr. Albert Way, associate professor of History at Kennesaw State University in Georgia, to lead the effort. He has published on the history of longleaf pine management in the southern U.S., including [\*Conserving Southern Longleaf: Herbert Stoddard and the Rise of Ecological Land Management\*](#) (University of Georgia Press). FHS library and archives staff will assist with the research. Those with interest in the Southern Research Station or with related records of forest research should contact the Society at 919-682-9319 or Dr. Way at [away5@kennesaw.edu](mailto:away5@kennesaw.edu).

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## Stephen Pyne to Give 2020 Lynn W. Day Lecture



Dr. Steven Pyne

Stephen Pyne, the leading historian on the subject of wildfires around the world, will deliver this year's Lynn W. Day Lecture in Forest and Conservation History. He will be presenting on what he calls the "Pyrocene." His concept, he writes [on his website](#), "says we are in a Fire Age of comparable scale to the Ice Ages of the Pleistocene. Its core premise is that

from FHS, is available for streaming. It's 55 minutes long and costs \$7.99 to purchase or \$3.99 to rent. The shorter version, *First in Forestry*, may be purchased for \$4.99 or rented for 72 hours for \$1.99. You can access both at [Vimeo.com](https://vimeo.com).

### 75 Years and Counting!

2021 will mark the FHS 75th Anniversary and history is alive and well even in these days of change and challenge. *EVERY* membership contribution supports the daily work at FHS including digitization - making the records of forest history accessible to all.

### Renew Your Membership Now!

### SAF Goes Virtual

The 2020 Society of American Foresters conference, scheduled for Oct. 29-31, 2020, will be [held online](#) due to concerns about the Covid-19 pandemic.

**FHS Fall Board Meeting Scheduled for Sat October 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST**

### Make FHS Smile!

we made an alliance with fire that gave us small guts and big heads, and then took us to the top of the food chain, and now threatens to unhinge the planet. Whether that alliance is a mutual assistance pact or a Faustian bargain may be the question of our time."

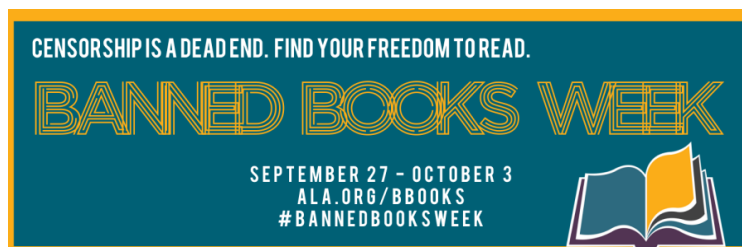
Given current travel restrictions, Steve will be delivering his presentation online. The date has not yet been set but the presentation will be given in late October. A separate notice with the time, date, and access information will be sent as soon as possible.

Steve is an emeritus professor at Arizona State University. He has published 35 books, most of them dealing with fire, but others on Antarctica, the Grand Canyon, the Voyager space mission, and, with his oldest daughter, an inquiry into the Pleistocene. His fire histories include surveys of America, Australia, Canada, Europe (including Russia), and the Earth. He recently completed his book series "To the Last Smoke" with an anthology that looks back over the nine volumes about wildfires in the United States.

Steve is a frequent contributor to our magazine [\*Forest History Today\*](#) and our blog [\*Peeling Back the Bark\*](#) and the author of the Issues Series book [\*America's Fires: A Historical Context for Policy and Practice\*](#). He was named an [FHS Fellow](#) in 2007.

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## From The Library: Banned Books Week



September 27 marks the beginning of Banned Books Week, an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. This week is meant to spotlight current and historic attempts to censor books in libraries and schools.

In the Forest History Society Library, you will find one of those historically censored books: *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson (1962). Carson's book on

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the environmental impacts of the use of pesticides not only sparked controversy, but also a revolution that changed laws regarding, air, land and water. Among those opposed to the book were Velsicol Chemical Corp., which tried to prevent the book's publication and stop the *New Yorker* magazine from publishing the text in serial format.



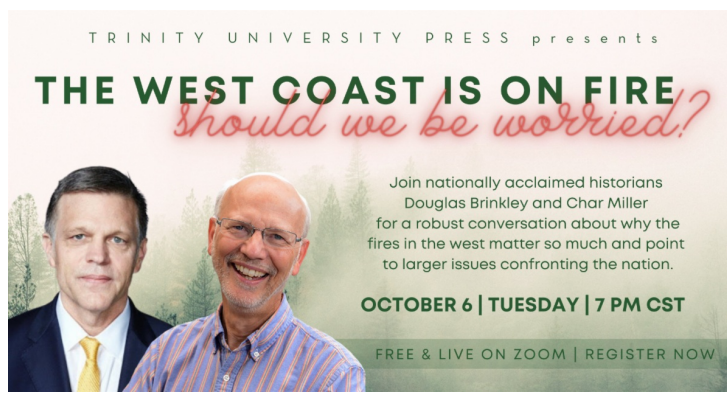
Ironically, *Silent Spring* was first published on September 27, 1962.

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## ***The West Coast Is On Fire... Should We Be Worried? Join the Conservation***

Join two nationally acclaimed historians in a conversation about why the fires in the West matter so much and point to larger issues facing the nation. The major fires this summer, like those of the last decade, are worrisome. But why and how they have been erupting -- and what can be done about it -- is a pressing issue.

Char Miller, W. M. Keck Professor of Environmental Analysis and History at Pomona College, and Douglas Brinkley, Professor in Humanities at Rice University and a CNN commentator, have spent much of their professional lives thinking about environmental issues confronting the nation. The conversation, sponsored by Trinity University Press, will be held live via Zoom on October 6 at 7 pm CST. You can register by following the link below.



Char is an Emeritus Board Member and Fellow of the Forest History Society and author of [\*Ground Work: Conservation in American Culture\*](#) he's also a frequent contributor to our blog and magazine *Forest History Today*. Doug was the 2016 FHS Luncheon speaker whose talk, "Forester in Chief: Franklin D. Roosevelt, the CCC and the Wild America," was based on his book [\*Rightful Heritage: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Land of America\*](#).

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## See What You've Been Missing Out On!



*U.S. Forest Service chief Richard McArdle, President Dwight Eisenhower, and Montana governor J. Hugo Aronson, at the dedication ceremony for the aerial fire depot, Missoula, Montana. (FHS477701)*

Did you see that post about The Great New England Hurricane, the storm that blew down 2.5 billion board feet of timber in seven states back in 1938? Or the one about the dedication of the smokejumper base in Missoula, Montana, attended by the president in 1954? Or the one about the opening of the first forestry school in the United States? Did you see how we celebrated "Talk Like A Pirate Day"? You can see these and other fun items and factoids and look for our "This Day in History" notices if you're following us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

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## Leave A Legacy!



One of the best ways to support the Society in the long term is to consider a legacy gift, such as a bequest or other planned gifts, that is designated in your will. Those who designate such gifts are recognized in our [Circle of Stewards](#). Many FHS members have also designated their personal records to come to FHS in their wills so family members will not discard them by accident. Contact Laura Hayden for more information about bequests at [laura.hayden@foresthistory.org](mailto:laura.hayden@foresthistory.org) or call her at (919)660-0552.

