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Environmental History to Join University of Chicago Press

Our flagship scholarly journal *Environmental History (EH)*, copublished with the American Society for Environmental History, will be moving to the <u>University of Chicago Press</u> starting with the January 2022 issue. *EH* is the journal of record in the fields of forest and environmental history, exploring the changing

relationships between humans and the environment over time, bringing together insights from history, geography, anthropology, the natural sciences, and many other disciplines.

After 12 years in a very productive partnership with Oxford University Press, we are excited about starting a new chapter in 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," said Steven Anderson, Forest History Society President and CEO. "This growth is important to our societies and essential for the journal's impact during a period of rapid environmental change."

The journal will continue its tradition of publishing research articles, gallery essays, forums, book reviews, new scholarship, and film forums, and the editorial team will work with authors to fulfill their ongoing goal of producing free multimedia to supplement the journal. This includes the FHS Research Portal and the Global Perspectives on Wilderness teaching module, among many others.

A print and electronic subscription to *EH* is included with membership in ASEH, FHS, and with joint memberships. E-book editions of all future issues will be added as a member benefit beginning in 2022. Member access instructions will be distributed and available online before the release of the January 2022 issue. *EH* will continue to be published quarterly in print and electronic formats, and institutional rates will be tiered to best serve the

research needs of subscribing institutions.

"Environmental History is the leading journal in its field and we are honored to welcome it into our journals program," said Journals Director Ashley Towne. "The journal serves a growing community of environmental historians both domestically and internationally, and we are excited to help expand its readership."

Cartoonist Visits FHS Library and Archives

FHS was delighted to recently host cartoonist and graphic novelist Shing Yin Khor. Shing had originally planned to visit in the Spring of 2020 to complete some research on her recently published book, *The Legend of Auntie Po*, a graphic novel for middle-grade students. Set in a Sierra Nevada logging camp in 1885, thirteenyear-old Mei, who's working as a camp cook, reimagines the myths of Paul Bunyan as starring a Chinese heroine. Penguin Random House publishing describes the book as "part historical fiction, part magical realism, and 100 percent adventure."



Shing, a self-described Paul Bunyan "nerd," is working on a project about the evolution of the Paul Bunyan mythos, with a focus on immigrant labor in the early American logging industry. The FHS library and archives offered a vast array of documents for her exploration, including the William B. Laughead Papers; the company files of the Red River Lumber Company; and oral history interviews with Lyman Sutton, James Stevens, and Laughead. Shing shared this with the FHS staff: "The sheer volume [content in the collection] is mind-boggling. Being able to read and hold in my hand the correspondence of W. B. Laughead brings context to the social relationships. I am finding myself in W. B. Laughead. There are parallels in our shared interests and work. He was a storyteller and illustrator and that is how I see myself. Finding connection to someone from such a different background and life experience, born more than a century apart, is humbling. Having the content at the FHS library and archives to explore, plus reading correspondence, doing research, and listening to oral histories, will add a whole new dimension to my work. I could not accomplish this anywhere else but at FHS."

Explore Shing's work here: <u>https://shingkhor.com/</u>

New Digital Exhibit Available: "Division and Restoration: A Brief History of Forestry on the Quinault Indian Reservation"



A new digital exhibit examines the history of controversy surrounding the ownership and management of the forests located on the Quinault Indian Reservation in Washington. It was prepared by FHS intern Jake MacDonnell, a second-year graduate student at the University of North Carolina's Masters of Science in Library Science program. You can see the exhibit "Division and

Restoration: A Brief History of Forestry on the Quinault Indian Reservation" on our website **here**.

The reservation contains extensive coastal forests that have always been central to the tribe's culture, subsistence, and economy. Since the 1920s, managing timber on these forests has involved a complex relationship with the United States over control of the land, logging contracts and practices, and fiduciary trust responsibilities. Recurring conflicts between American governmental officials came to a head with the Supreme Court case *United* States v. Mitchell. The case was originally filed in 1971 as Helen Mitchell v. *United States* by a group of allottees alleging mismanagement by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which oversaw forest management policies and distribution of the land. As the case worked its way through the courts, historians Elmo Richardson, Harold K. Steen, and Robert E. Ficken compiled documents about the history of forest management on the reservation, now preserved as the Quinault Indian Reservation Collection at FHS, and used them in their 1977 book The Bureau of Indian Affairs and Forestry on the Quinault Indian Reservation: A History, published by the Forest History Society and the U.S. Department of Justice.

The photo is of the eastern portion of the Quinault Reservation from Nielton Point, on the Olympic National Forest, taken in May 1972. (Weaver_055, FHS Photo Collection)

Register Now for "Wild History: A Behind-thescenes Tour of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Archives and Museum" with Mark Madison

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Archives houses more than half a million objects. It also has a museum and classrooms, and hosts more than 100 educational tours a year. The archives collection includes Rachel Carson's



private library and "Lucy," the black-footed ferret re-discovered in 1981—years after the species had been declared extinct.

Historian Mark Madison (seen with Lucy) will discuss this unique archive and the challenges and opportunities therein, and also the many untapped collections science and history researchers ought to know about. He'll be joined by a member of the FHS library staff during the Q&A portion to compare and contrast the two archives.

Mark is the Historian for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and in charge of the agency's

Heritage and Partnership Branch.

Join us on Zoom on Wednesday, August 18th at 12 p.m. Eastern. The webinar is free to all but registration required. Follow the link below to sign up.

If you missed Brooks Mendell's presentation about wood as bioenergy on July 22, it's now on our YouTube channel

Click to Learn More & Register

We're Celebrating Our Interns!

Did you know that July 29 is <u>National Interns Day</u>? It was established in 2017 to recognize and celebrate the future leaders, and to help bring attention to the challenges and inequalities that entry-level candidates face in the workforce. We at the Forest History Society are proud to offer interns the opportunity to do work that utilizes their backgrounds and training and gives them practical experience.

We wish to take a moment to thank our recent group of interns for their contributions to our mission. We enjoyed working with and learning from them, and we benefitted from (and miss) their energy and enthusiasm. If you are a student or know one who is interested in serving an internship in the library and archives, education, or development and marketing, please email us at info@foresthistory.org.

This past year, FHS hosted these interns, who did great work for us:

- Jake MacDonnell is a second-year graduate student at the University
 of North Carolina's Masters of Science in Library Science program. His
 exhibit on forestry on the Quinault Indian Reservation can be found
 here.
- Andrea Kolarova created a digital exhibit, "The Oberlaender Trust and American Forestry," that explores an important but little-known connection between American and German foresters at the height of Nazi power in Germany. Andrea is an incoming master's student at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment. When she

- returns in the fall, she'll continue working on an exhibit about women in the U.S. Forest Service.
- While a master's student in public history at North Carolina State
 University last year, Corinne Foster worked on the <u>Weyerhaeuser</u>
 <u>Company</u> photo digitization project, scanning hundreds of photos and posting them online. This fall she'll start at the School of Information and Library Science at UNC. She's already lined up an Environmental Protection Agency library internship position at UNC-SILS, which also starts in the fall.

Congratulation to these FHS Members!







Richard Carbonetti



Charles VanOver

FHS would like to recognize three members who have received very high honors in their respective fields.

Sam Cook, Executive Director of Forest Assets for NC State University, and a FHS Board Director, was recently inducted into the Forestry Leadership Hall at the World Forestry Center. The hall, established in 1971, celebrates those who have made significant contributions to fostering the understanding of forest and their importance to society. Sam is a 40-year veteran forester, educator, mentor, philanthropist, and landowner advocate. This award recognizes his success in developing and implementing support systems for historically under-represented landowners and creating pathways for young people to discover careers in forestry. He'll be presenting in our webinar series in September. Look for that announcement soon.

The Association of Consulting Foresters recently bestowed its national Distinguished Forester Award to two FHS members. The award marks a forester's contributions to the application of forestry on private lands, to the advancement of the profession, to private ownership of forestlands, and to the national organization. Congrats to Charles (Charlie) VanOver, Vice President, Director of Corporate Development, Forest Investments Associates (FIA), of Atlanta, GA, and a member of the FHS Board of Directors. "Charlie deserves this award for his countless valuable contributions to the forestry industry," said Justin M. Miller, president of ACF. "He served as president of ACF and has contributed not just to ACF but to many forestry organizations."

Congrats also to Richard "Carbo" Carbonetti, Senior Advisor, Timberland

Division, LandVest, Inc., of Albany, VT. "From serving as ACF President to being a regular instructor for ACF's Practice of Consulting Forestry Course, Carbo has made a significant impact on ACF, the consulting forester professional and his forestry colleagues," Miller said.

Our congratulations go to all three for these amazing awards, and we offer our gratitude for their contributions to the Forest History Society.

FHS Seeks Volunteers!

Do you live in the Durham area and have a passion for nature and history? We are looking for dedicated and enthusiastic individuals to help with daily library and archives operations.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Checking in new books and journals
- Organization of records
- Digitization
- Shelving
- Labeling
- Database entry
- Social media posting
- Assisting the Librarian and Archivist with special projects
- And much more...

To join our team of library-loving volunteers you should:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be available to volunteer at least 3 hours a week for at least 2–3 months.
- Have the ability to work alone or with others (other volunteers, staff, or patrons).

To help make a difference at the Forest History Society, please fill out this <u>form</u>. You can also email us the <u>form</u> at library@foresthistory.org. Once you return the completed application, we will contact you and schedule an interview to discuss your interests and volunteer options.

COVID-19 Update

FHS continues to follow North Carolina's recommended safety guidelines relating to COVID-19, and those for Durham County, where the headquarters is located.

All FHS staff and their families remain healthy, but we remain cautious as new





variants emerge. If you wish to visit us, we ask that you make an appointment first.



