FHS Launches New Webinar Series

Beginning in January, you can join FHS Historian Jamie Lewis every month on Zoom as he hosts leading experts who apply historical knowledge to current topics in: Conversations in Forest History. Each informational webinar opens with a presentation before Jamie and his guest take questions from the audience. Register today! Scheduled presentations include:

- nature photographer and writer Tim Palmer discussing the decline of the majestic American hemlocks and beech trees (Jan.)
- filmmaker Laurence Cotton reexamining the life and legacy of landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted (Feb.)
- understanding the challenges of heir’s property rights and Black forestland ownership with forester Sam Cook and American Forest Foundation’s Mavis Gragg (March)
- Ruth Anna Stolk discussing building stronger connections between scientists and cultural experts to improve conservation practice through the Earth Optimism Alliance (April)
- and graphic novelist and artist Shing Yin Khor sharing how she incorporates forest history into her work (June).

Visit the webinar series page to see the lineup and dates, and to register. As always, the events are free but registration is required.

If you missed any webinars in the Unprecedented Seasons series, you can watch them on our YouTube channel here when it’s convenient for you!
Digital Access Information for *EH* Journal Coming Soon

We are looking forward to the next issue of *Environmental History,* to be published in partnership with the University of Chicago Press (UCP) in January 2022. Before you receive your copy in the mail, you will have access to article abstracts and digital access to the journal through UCP’s website.

Please be on the lookout shortly for an email notification from UCP with the subject “Your FHS or Joint Membership: New EH articles now available.” Instructions on how to access the journal website will be in this email. ALL members will need to create a new login and password unless you already have an account with University of Chicago Press for other publications/journals.

Please direct any questions to the membership office by sending an email to Laura.Hayden@foresthistory.org. You may also call (919) 660-0552.

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**Historian Paul S. Sutter Joins FHS Board**

FHS is happy to welcome Paul Sutter to our Board of Directors. Paul is an accomplished and widely respected environmental historian whose work has focused on the U.S. South and the Panama Canal Zone. He is Professor of History at the University of Colorado, where he is also Faculty Affiliate at the Center for the American West. He’s serving as a Fellow at the National Humanities Center in nearby Research Triangle Park, NC, during the current academic year and recently stopped by FHS for a visit.

Paul is the author of the award-winning book *Let Us Now Praise Famous Gullies: Providence Canyon and the Soils of the South* (2015), which was the focus of his *Lynn W. Day Distinguished Lectureship in Forest and Conservation History* that same year. He has also written *Driven Wild: How the Fight Against Automobiles Launched the Modern Wilderness Movement* (2002); and co-authored *The Art of Managing Longleaf: A Personal History of the Stoddard-Neel Approach,* with Leon Neel and Albert G. Way (2010). Since 2014, he has served as the series editor for “Weyerhaeuser Environmental Books,” published by the University of Washington Press, and he was the founding editor of the “Environmental History and the American South” book series published by the University of Georgia Press. Paul has published numerous articles and book chapters on the American wilderness movement, southern environmental history, U.S. imperial environmental history, and environmental historiography.
Next up in the bioeconomy webinar series, on Jan. 13, 2022: "Non-Timber Forest Products in China: History, Key Challenges, and Ways Forward," by Liu Jinlong, part of the Unlocking the Bioeconomy for Nontimber Forest Products series. He'll explore China's story of the evolving notion of Non-Timber Forest Products, experiences of policy supporting promotion of NTFPs in China's rural economy, and will try to capture policy implications and offer recommendations for future actions. You can register here for the free event.

There's still time to register for the Dec. 17 webinar "Towards a Himalayan Bioeconomy" with Carsten Smith-Hall. Sign up here.

The Unlocking the Bioeconomy webinar series is cosponsored by U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service, the Forest History Society, Renmin University of China, and the IUFRO Task Force.

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**A GIFT OF STOCK = GREAT TAX BENEFITS**

Make a gift of stock to the Forest History Society before the end of this year and enjoy the tax benefits come April 2022.

Please call us today for details at (919) 682-9319 or email Laura at Laura.Hayden@foresthistory.org or Steven Anderson at Steven.Anderson@foresthistory.org.

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**Last-Minute Gift Guide from the FHS Library**

Looking for a last-minute gift for the holidays? Check out these suggestions from the library staff for that forest history lover in your life! We encourage you to shop at your local bookstore when possible.
Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest by Suzanne Simard
Simard is a professor of forest ecology at the University of British Columbia whose own medical journey inspired her research into, among other things, the way yew trees communicate chemically with neighboring trees for their mutual defense.

Swamplands: Tundra Beavers, Quaking Bogs, and the Improbable World of Peat by Edward Struzik
From the windswept bogs in Kauai to the last remnants of an ancient peatland in the Mojave Desert, Edward Struzik explores the world's "wastelands," a misnomer for boggy landscapes which have a rich ecological history and are significant in today's climate crisis.

The Legend of Auntie Po by Shing Yin Khor
This graphic novel follows a thirteen-year-old girl named Mei working in a Sierra Nevada logging camp in 1885 and her life during the racial tumult in the years after the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act in the United States. To cope, Mei reinvents the mythical Paul Bunyan as Auntie Po, an elderly Chinese matriarch.

Traditional Ecological Knowledge: Learning from Indigenous Practices for Environmental Sustainability ed. by Melissa K. Nelson and Daniel Shilling
This book examines the importance of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and how it can

Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law by Mary Roach
What's to be done about a jaywalking moose? A bear caught breaking and entering? A murderous tree? Three hundred years ago, animals that broke the law would be assigned legal representation and put on trial. New York Times best-selling author

Black Woman in Green: Gloria Brown and the Unmarked Trail to Forest Service Leadership by Gloria D. Brown and Donna L. Sinclair
Gloria Brown was the first Black woman forest supervisor in the U.S. Forest Service. Her memoir, written with historian Donna L. Sinclair, is both an inspiring
provide models for a time-tested form of sustainability needed in the world today. Various essayists explore TEK through compelling cases of environmental sustainability from multiple tribal and geographic locations in North America and beyond.

Mary Roach discovers that answers are best found not in jurisprudence but in science: the curious science of human-wildlife conflict, a discipline at the crossroads of human behavior and wildlife biology.

personal story of a Black woman’s determination to excel in a white man’s world and an intriguing look at the recent history and evolution of the Forest Service.

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**FHS Historian Holiday Video Picks**

by Jamie Lewis

When I started looking for films with a forest history connection to recommend, the first one that came to mind was the entertaining documentary *Chuck Leavell: The Tree Man*. It looks at the in-demand musician (Rolling Stones, the Allman Brothers), and award-winning tree farmer’s work and his contributions in both fields. (Available on various streaming platforms and on DVD.) Chuck appeared in our own film *America’s First Forest*, another great holiday watch available for streaming on Vimeo or for purchase on DVD.

Looking for something to binge-watch over the holiday break that'll help you truly appreciate your comfortable surroundings? Check out the 8-episode series *Barkskins*. Based on the book by Annie Proulx by the same name, this adaptation limits itself to telling the story of the two protagonist families in 1600s New France; the epic novel follows them into the 20th century. (If you want to a book that'll take the entire holiday break to read, this one fits the bill.) The show is for mature audiences only and is available on various streaming platforms.

Tired of watching TV? How about reading something by someone on TV? Check out *Where the Deer and the Antelope Play: The Pastoral Observations of One Ignorant American Who Loves to Walk Outside*, the new book by actor Nick Offerman. Perhaps best known for his role on the TV show *Parks and Rec*, off-screen Offerman is celebrated for his woodworking skills and love of the outdoors. In his latest book he brings a conservationist neophyte’s curiosity and willingness to learn, and a comic actor’s sense of humor, to the serious subjects of wilderness and conservation, sustainable agriculture, and what it means to live in a materialistic society. It’s both entertaining and thought-provoking. Available wherever books are sold.
Stuck for what to give this holiday season? Let us help you with your shopping! Here are three easy ideas: make a gift donation to the Forest History Society in someone's honor, give a membership as a gift, or treat yourself and become a member today. Make your selection below by clicking on the button and be done with your shopping in a flash!

Make a Gift  Gift Membership  Become a Member

FHS Holiday Hours

The Forest History Society will be closed on the following days:
> Friday, December 24;
> Monday, December 27;
> Friday, December 31;
> and Monday, January 3, 2022.

Wishing you a happy, safe, and healthy holiday season from all of us here at FHS!

COVID-19 Update

FHS headquarters is now open to individuals who wish to visit the library and archives. If you need travel funding assistance, please explore the Alfred D. Bell Jr. Travel Grant on our website or email FHS Archivist Eben Lehman for more information. The grant supports travel and lodging expenses incurred by researchers conducting in-depth studies at the Society's Alvin J. Huss Archives and Carl A. Weyerhaeuser Library.

We are open Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you wish to visit, please call in advance at 919-682-9319 to learn more. As always, if you have a research question, you can email the library staff. Sorry, we are not yet open to groups.