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## FHS Selected for Competitive Federal Humanities Grant



The Forest History Society has been selected as one of 200 libraries nationwide for the American Library Association's American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries. Funding comes from the National Endowment for the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

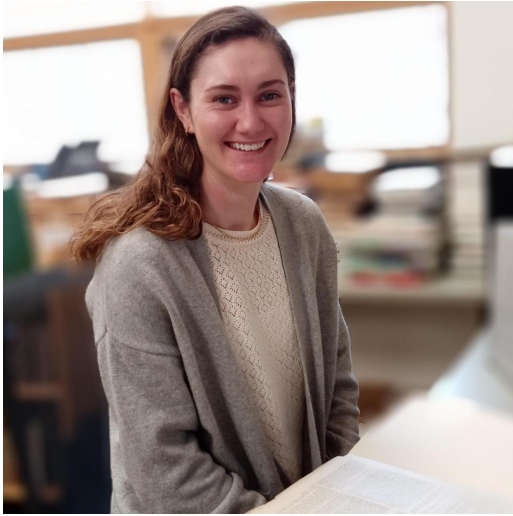
The competitive award comes with a \$10,000 grant that will help the staff of the FHS [Carl A. Weyerhaeuser library](#) and the [Alvin](#)

[J. Huss archives](#) deliver excellent programs and services related to culture, history, literature, and other humanities subjects. Specifically, FHS will use the funds to support its virtual presentation series and online digital exhibits that have become so successful during the pandemic.

According to the ALA, more than 370 libraries applied for the grant. The participating libraries include public libraries, academic/college libraries, K-12 libraries, and tribal, special, and prison libraries. The recipients represent 45 states and Puerto Rico and were chosen with an emphasis on reaching historically underserved and/or rural communities. You can view the full list of selected libraries [here](#).

“We are so proud to be chosen for this amazing opportunity,” said Lauren Bissonette, FHS's librarian. “Because this grant will help with the webinars and digital exhibits, it will allow our library to better serve our members as well as teachers and students. We're really excited to plan ways to further enhance our humanities programming.”

## Graduate Forester Processing SAF Collection



In 1965 the Society of American Foresters (SAF), the leading professional organization for foresters in the U.S., selected FHS as their national archival repository to preserve their important historical records and make them available for research. Over the last 55 years, more than 400 boxes of materials have been donated to FHS for permanent safekeeping.

With funding support from SAF, a new project is underway to fully process and organize [the SAF collection](#), as well as create a detailed finding aid to the materials. The new revised aid will provide researchers with a new level of access to these valuable historic documents, which include correspondence, articles, organization records, and reports from the early 1900s to the present. This is one of the largest [archival collections](#) at FHS and is highly valued as a core resource for the study of American forest and conservation history. FHS Archivist Eben Lehman is supervising the project.

To carry out this project, FHS has hired Mary Carlton ("MC") Murphy, who graduated in December from Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment with Master of Forestry and Master of Environmental Management degrees.

As a member of SAF, MC is learning about the organization as a researcher might experience it. "The SAF collection really shows you the evolution of the forestry profession," says MC. "It surprising to me how much foresters disagreed on topics that we don't think much about today. Through the correspondence and reports, I'm learning about the early debates over things like forestry school accreditation and whether the federal government should control logging on private land. The most interesting aspect for me has been learning about the profession's early roots in the U.S. and reading first-hand accounts from forestry pioneers such as Gifford Pinchot, Henry Graves, and Duke's own Clarence Korstian."



### *Conversations in Forest History*

Virtual talks about vital topics  
in forest and conservation history

Hosted by  
FHS historian Jamie Lewis

**Join us on March 18 for**

## "It's a Family Affair: Understanding Heirs' Property and Forestland Ownership" with Mavis Gragg and Sam Cook

Productive agricultural land remains elusive for many landowners and agricultural professionals are often limited in helping them due to complicated legal and social issues. This is particularly true for land owned as heirs' property—property with multiple owners, each of whom inherited their shares.

Join us on March 18 at 1 p.m. ET when forester Sam Cook and attorney Mavis Gragg will demystify a legal and social quandary that limits agricultural land from being used productively. According to Ms. Gragg, "I think people have heard more and more about heirs' property in the last couple of years because of the tremendous land loss that has been experienced by the Black community. But it's an issue that impacts many Americans, because most families that have land will transfer it by inheritance."



**This webinar has been approved for 1 hour of CFE credit.**

[Register for Heirs' Property Webinar](#)

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## Join us on March 22 for "NTFPs and the Bioeconomy in the European Union" with Marco Lovric

Many non-timber forest products (NTFPs) such as mushrooms and berries are collected and consumed in Europe. But both national statistical and scientific data on this topic are reported only for a limited number of countries, products, and case-study areas. Their importance as source of food and income, their links to recreation and cultural heritage, are all under-valued in forest-focused and forest-related policies.

**Unlocking the Bioeconomy for**  
  
**Nontimber Forest Products**



Join Marco Lovric, a senior researcher at European Forest Institute, on March 22 at 9:30 a.m. ET for a discussion about the European Union and the bioeconomy.

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## ASEH 2022

March 23-27, 2022  
Eugene, Oregon



### FHS Sponsoring Workshop at ASEH Annual Meeting

The Forest History Society will participate in two ways at the American Society for Environmental History's [annual conference](#) being held March 23–27, 2022, in Eugene, Oregon.

On Weds., March 23, FHS is sponsoring a pre-conference oral history workshop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. “[People, Place, and Voice: Oral History Basics](#)” will be led by FHS member [Donna Sinclair](#), and it will focus on collecting and using oral history by environmental historians and the broader heritage and history community. Advanced registration is required. Also, during the entirety of the conference, FHS will have an exhibit booth.

Forest history–related field tours include the Fall Creek/Clark Timber Sale, the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire and H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest, the Bauman Tree Farm, birding at William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge, and the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. You can find more information about all the tours [here](#).

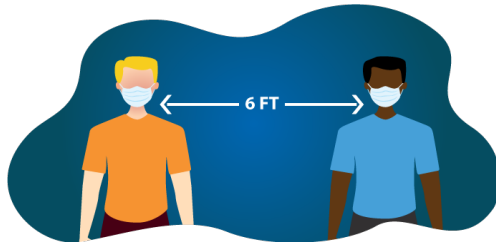
### Now in *Environmental History*: "The Rise and Fall of Eucalyptus in Bogotá"

In the late nineteenth century in Bogotá, Columbia, the city's emergent economic elite imported and actively planted blue gum (*Eucalyptus globulus*) throughout the hitherto grim and treeless city. What they hoped would be a panacea for the issues of air quality, hydrological functions, fuel wood, and construction materials proved to be anything but because of the tree's large size, poor wood quality, and enormous water demands. By the 1920s, the use of eucalyptus had been discontinued but the tree remained and became naturalized. A century later, it continues to play an important role at the margins of the city as a medicinal plant and as a source of fuel wood in peri-urban areas.



Author Diego Molina of the Universidad Nacional de Colombia has captured this complex, nuanced history of the unintended consequences of heavy dependence upon one tree species as part of a broader urban forestry program in the article "The Forced Retirement of a Hard Worker: The Rise and Fall of Eucalyptus in Bogotá," which appears in the January 2022 issue of *Environmental History*. It's available online to FHS or joint FHS-ASEH members [here](#) after logging in. If you haven't received your print copy of the issue, please contact Laura Hayden [by email](#) for assistance.

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## COVID-19 Update FHS Open for Research

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.

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