Established in 1986, the Frederick K. Weyerhaeuser Forest History Fellowship is awarded annually to a student at Duke University who is pursuing research in the fields of forest, conservation, or environmental history. The recipient is selected on the basis of merit; proposals are judged in terms of overall significance and quality of presentation. The 2022 winner is Alyssa Russell (pictured here), a Ph.D. student in the Department of History for her research on “Economic Development at What Cost?: The Fantus Company, Corporate Subsidies, and Working Class Communities, 1919-1999.”

Russell’s research follows the Fantus Company hired as a consultant by industry, government, and communities to and the government to analyze site characteristics and recommend locations for industrial development. Predominantly, businesses were relocating or expanding operations and moved from urban areas to more rural and peripheral suburban lands. The migration abandoned once used urban areas, while industrializing more natural environments. The Fantus Company provided clients with positive and negative points about their potential new communities and labor force, frequently recommending areas with lax environmental laws, abundant natural resources, and clean water. Her research will explore the community characteristics and recommendations of the Fantus Company with attention to potential biases, social inequality, and long term environmental issues.

We’d like to thank the award judges Rachel Kline, Paula McClain, and Ellen Stroud for their time and effort on the committee.

Check Out These Upcoming Webinars!

All three webinars are approved for 1 hour of CFE credit in Category 1!
What Did She Say? Recovering Women's Voices To Our Land Ethic Narratives
May 25 with Rachel Kline

Historians have long told us that the first calls for forest preservation and an ecological and moral approach to land management culminated with Aldo Leopold’s “Land Ethic” essay in 1949. But a century before Leopold, Susan Fenimore Cooper began an ongoing practice of women initiating calls for including ethical and cultural aspects of environmental management, which would be overlooked until men repeated them. How do we tell a more comprehensive history of creating a land ethic? Join historian Rachel Kline to discuss how we can rethink our land ethic narratives by listening to what women have been saying all along.

Join us on May 25 at 12pm EDT via Zoom!

Drawing from Forest History: How One Artist Uses Forest History As Source Material
June 8 with Shing Yin Khor

Shing Yin Khor’s National Book Award finalist graphic novel, The Legend of Auntie Po, follows a 12-year-old Chinese American camp cook as she tells Paul Bunyan stories (reinvented as an elderly Chinese matriarch named Auntie Po) in a Sierra Nevada logging camp during the 1800s. Join Shing Yin to talk about making graphic novels, adapting W. B. Laughead’s Paul Bunyan drawings and stories, integrating forest history research into historical fiction, and telling stories about Chinese-American contributions to forest history.

Join us on June 8 at 1pm EDT via Zoom!

“Driven Wild”: Foresters, Automobiles, and the Founding of the Wilderness Society
June 10 with Paul Sutter

The founding of the Wilderness Society in 1935 marked the beginning of organized wilderness advocacy in the United States. Conventional wisdom had long been that wilderness advocacy was hostile to the utilitarian conservation of federal foresters, and yet four of the eight founders of the Wilderness Society were trained foresters who valued both wilderness protection and sustained yield forestry. How are we to make sense of this apparent paradox? Paul specializes in
U.S. and global environmental history, is a professor of Environmental History at the University of Colorado Boulder and is author of "Driven Wild: How the Fight against Automobiles Launched the Modern Wilderness Movement" (2002). Paul is also an FHS board member.

To find out, join us on June 10 at 12pm EDT via Zoom.

Matching Gift Challenge Kicks Off June 6th

This year’s Matching Gift Challenge is bigger than ever! Due to the generosity of Rex Lumber, LLC; Global Forest Partners; SAPPI North America; Timothy A. Ingraham and three anonymous individual donors, we have a matching challenge of $30,000! But to take advantage of it, we need your help!

This year’s campaign will support efforts in our core mission, including:

- **Preserving** - Acquiring and preserving new collections for the Archives
- **Educating** - Hosting our webinar series *Conversations in Forest History*
- **Sharing** - Digitizing historic photos and records for ease of access

**Make Your Gift Count!**

- It’s the perfect time to become a NEW member or make a gift membership. All new member contributions will be matched during the challenge period of June 6 through the FHS anniversary date of June 12!

- Already a donor? Give a second gift this year and that amount will be matched.

- Haven’t renewed your gift to FHS this year? Increase your membership gift over last year’s gift amount, and that additional amount will be matched.

- Need extra time to make your matching contribution? Just make a pledge to pay by June 30 and it still counts! Email your pledge to [laura.hayden@foresthistory.org](mailto:laura.hayden@foresthistory.org).

**Help us reach our goal and receive a special gift from us to you!**

- Make a donation of $50 or more and receive an impressive collection of 6 vintage forestry advertising images from the Weyerhaeuser Company archival collection (see sample below) reproduced as postcards to keep, share, or send to family and friends. You’ll also get this year’s FHS decal for your laptop or water bottle to show your FHS pride!

- Make $100 donation and receive all of the above plus an attractive canvas tote bag with the FHS logo.

Mark your calendar!
FHS Intern Brings Order to Oral Histories

FHS welcomed intern Katie Delezenski to the library and archives in April. Katie is in her last term at Syracuse University’s Masters in Library and Information Sciences program. Katie was interested in gaining experience that goes beyond the traditional library setting and into other fields of LAMs (libraries, archives, and museums), such as special libraries and cultural heritage institutions like FHS. Katie’s previous experience includes working for the Durham Community Land Trust, Cotton Incorporated, and various other service-related jobs.

Since starting at FHS, Katie has done an excellent job working to reorganize our oral histories, creating up-to-date lists of what is available, and digitizing interviews to be made accessible in our Oral History Guide and research database. She is also researching and digitizing archival material related to the turpentine industry in the southeast United States, such as Development of Forestry in the Southern United States Oral History Interviews, 1958-1976, which will culminate in a digital exhibit on the topic. Stay tuned! Pictured above, Katie is standing in the FHS library next to a "catface" donated by FHS member K. O. Summerville. Making slash cuts into the tree trunk was a method used to extract pine resin from pine trees for turpentine. The peculiar slashes made to draw out the resin resembled the whiskers on a cat.

FHS Spring 2022 Board Meeting Held

The FHS Board of Directors held their first hybrid board meeting on April 23,
2022. Fifteen Board members were able to meet in-person and 8 more joined by Zoom. Led by Board Chair Bob Izlar (on the right) and FHS President & CEO Steve Anderson, the directors approved the establishment of a Governance Committee and a Strategic Plan Implementation Team, both of which will have a direct impact on the new FHS 2022-2032 strategic plan.

The Board also approved a FY22/23 budget that starts July 1, 2022. A new Board member orientation was conducted, with presentations from the Library and Development staffs and a detailed tour of the library, archives, and headquarters. The fall 2022 Board meeting is scheduled for October 21-22 in Seattle. It will include a belated recognition of the Society’s 75th anniversary to be hosted by the Weyerhaeuser Company. Members and friends will be invited to an evening event.

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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.