



Forest Timeline Newsletter

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Hayes Brown Elected FHS Fellow

Congratulations to Hayes Brown! Hayes, pictured to the left, has been unanimously elected FHS Fellow, the Society's highest honor. It is given to an individual for their many years of outstanding sustained leadership in one or more core programs or major activities of the Forest History Society.

Hayes has left his mark on the FHS in many ways. While a partner of Monroe, Trippe, and Brown, a Birmingham, AL-based law firm, he served on the FHS Board of Directors from 2010 to 2017, serving as Vice-Chair, Chair, and Immediate Past-Chair. He was a member of the Finance Committee, and active on the Nominating Committee, the Program & Strategic Planning Committee, the Facilities Working Group, and the Campaign Cabinet for the New Facilities Campaign. Hayes has been a President's

Circle member of the Forest History Society since 2011 and was a donor to FHS's new building campaign. Beyond these official capacities, he has provided legal counsel for the Society when needed.

In addition to his long service on behalf of FHS, Hayes is an award-winning forest landowner. He was honored as the 2018 Forest Landowner of the Year, and is currently the President of FLA. His sustained efforts since July 2000 to host and moderate "[Capital Ideas--Live!](#)" for the Alabama Forest Owners Association has provided significant educational opportunities for landowners in topics across the field of forestry and land ownership, many of which include historical contexts. Hayes has hosted more than 150 news conferences for forest landowners.

Congrats, Hayes! You join an illustrious group! (You'll find a complete list of FHS Fellows [here](#).)

FHS Librarian Serving on American Library Association Committee

FHS Librarian [Lauren Bissonette](#) has been elected co-chair of the Outreach Committee for the American Library Association's [Sustainability Roundtable \(SustainRT\)](#). SustainRT was created as a venue in which members exchange ideas and opportunities regarding sustainability in order to move toward a more equitable, healthy, and economically viable society, and to provide resources for the library community to support

sustainability through curriculum development, collections, exhibits, events, advocacy, communication, library buildings, and space design. Lauren has been a member of committee since July 2021 and has been overseeing their [Instagram account](#).



As the Outreach co-chair, Lauren will help coordinate their blog and social media efforts and promote the roundtable's events and special projects. By getting to know more like-minded librarians, she hopes to bring new ideas to the Carl

A. Weyerhaeuser Library and Alvin J. Huss Archives at FHS.



Lloyd Swift Senior's Papers Donated to FHS Archives

A new addition to the FHS archives are the personal papers of Lloyd W. Swift Sr. (1904-2001). Swift had a 35-year career with the U.S. Forest Service, beginning in 1928 as a ranger on the Lassen National Forest and ending as director of the Division of Wildlife Management in the Washington, DC, office. After he retired, Lloyd served as director of the World Wildlife Fund during the 1960s. He also worked as an international consulting biologist for various United Nations agencies on wildlife management projects in the Middle East

and Central and Eastern Africa. Swift was a long-time member (and president) of the Washington Biologist Field Club and the Boone and Crockett Club. You can download his biographical file from the U.S. Forest Service History Reference Collection as a PDF [here](#).

FHS archivist Eben Lehman recently traveled to Springfield, Virginia, to retrieve Swift's records from a storage unit maintained by his son Lloyd Swift Jr. (himself a research forester with the Forest Service) and his daughter Clara Ailes. The extensive collection features more than 20 boxes of materials and the various files accumulated over 70 years of professional life. One highlight of the collection is the detailed diaries maintained by Swift from the 1940s through 1990s. (Swift reportedly had personally known every Forest Service chief from Gifford Pinchot to Mike Dombeck.) As a whole, this collection provides unique insight into the development of the wildlife management field over the course of the twentieth century.

FHS's Starker Forests, Inc. Oral History Studio Receives Upgrades

Did you know that within the FHS headquarters is an oral history studio? Thanks to the generosity of Starker Forests, Inc., we were able to dedicate a space to conducting and processing oral histories. The Society's [Oral History Interview Collection](#) includes more than 300 oral history interviews conducted with individuals involved with the management and use of forests and their related resources. Recordings are in various analog formats,



including reel-to-reel tape, Stenorette tape, and audio cassettes, and in digital format.

We are making efforts to update the studio to better conduct interviews both in-person and remotely. In this soundproof room, we have state-of-the-art recording equipment, including an H5 Zoom Recorder, Audio-Technica lapel and shotgun mics, and a Canon video camera. Other equipment such as a tape deck allows us to digitize cassettes from our collection to make available online. By using video conferencing software, we can conduct oral histories over Zoom to accommodate those who can't come in person.

But if you do visit, don't be surprised if we ask you to sit down to tell us *your* forest story!

Forest History Is a Family Affair

FHS is happy to have Fiona Van Verth working on the [Society of American Foresters](#) archival project. Fiona replaces Mary Carlton Murphy, who has taken a full-time field position with the U.S. Forest Service in Georgia.

Fiona landed the job "by complete chance." She explains, "In the spring, I happened to be interviewing [FHS historian] Jamie [Lewis] for a term paper when he mentioned that there could be a position open.... I've always been interested in environmental science, especially forestry, so when the FHS officially offered me a job, I eagerly accepted. As I've learned more about the history of forestry, I have come to understand that recognizing the mistakes of the past is the best way to make progress towards a better future. I'm honored to be a part of that with FHS."



One particular bit of forest history Fiona has learned while at FHS is about her grandfather, William D. "Bill" Smith. Fiona knew he'd spent his career in forestry but didn't know what he had done. Bill had taught and conducted research in biometrics and silviculture at North Carolina State University in one capacity or another from 1978 until 2006, where he served as faculty advisor to the SAF student chapter. Coincidentally, Bill knew FHS president Steve Anderson from when the latter was a graduate student there in the 1980s. Before Bill came to visit Fiona at work, Steve did a little research and provided her excerpts about her grandfather's work from an [online version of the history of the forestry program](#) about her grandfather. Fiona responded, "Wow! I had no idea he was so influential in the forestry field. Thank you for sending this to me!" During his visit, Bill was impressed with the work Fiona was doing. It was hard to tell who was the proudest!

Webinar Series Set to Return in September

Our webinar series [Conversations in Forest History](#) remains on summer hiatus, but we are putting together a slate of presenters for the fall and the coming year. Join us on September 15, 2022, at 1:00 PM Eastern Time, when Chris Bolgiano presents "A 'Sedimental' Journey: Tracking Historic Dirt Downstream." Through archival and contemporary photos, Chris will explore how the different uses of forests (such as logging and agriculture) across the eastern U.S. over more than four centuries still impacts watersheds today.



Legacy Sediments, as the results of historic erosion are officially called, have only recently been recognized as a major problem not only for the Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in the U.S., but also for other bays along the Atlantic coast. To understand why requires a map of long-gone water mills, a lidar-equipped drone, and a revolutionary new understanding of streams that look “natural” but definitely are not.

Chris is Professor Emerita at James Madison University in Virginia, where she spent 25 years documenting local history. Chris has [written or edited six books](#) on the Appalachian

Forest and has published in the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Sierra*, *Audubon*, *Wilderness*, and *Forestry Source*.

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The President & CEO of the Forest History Society is a dynamic position presenting opportunities to meet with diverse audiences ranging from the leadership of forest industry companies to academic communities in the sciences and the broad humanities. It is an opportunity to put your mark on a vibrant, growing, and maturing nonprofit that has just celebrated its 75th year and has a bright future. A strong board of directors, competent and professional staff, and a newly approved strategic plan will provide a foundation for success.

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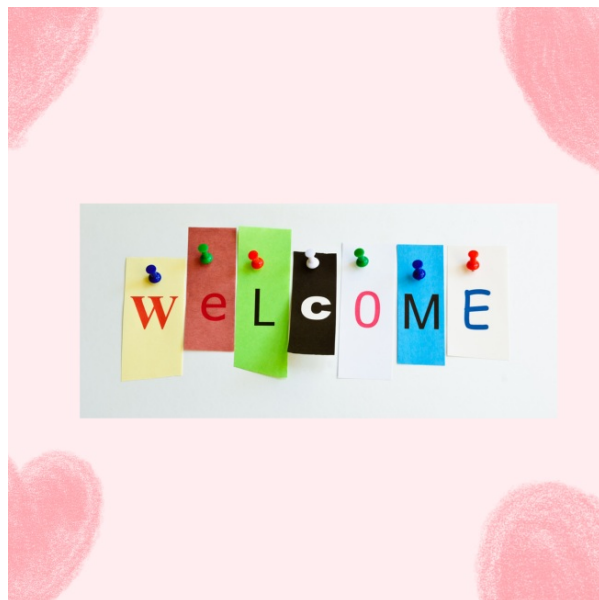


Thanks To You!

Thanks to your generosity and commitment to the mission and values of the Forest History Society, we exceeded our Annual Fund goal for the year by raising \$492,815! Included in that total is our third Day of Giving campaign. This year we exceeded the challenge made by our Day of Giving Challenge donors to raise \$30,000 by raising a total of \$43,983 in Matching Gift donations! Thank you!

Welcome New FHS Members!

The following individuals and organizations became contributing members of FHS between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022



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