

The Forest History Society Awards program enables the Society to recognize research and writing in forest and conservation history and to stimulate further research into our understanding of the relationships of people and forests. The following is a list of awards for 2020–2021.

THEODORE C. BLEGEN AWARD

The Theodore C. Blegen Award recognizes the best article in the field of forest and conservation history that is not published in *Environmental History*. **Lee Whittlesey** won for “Abundance, Slaughter, and Resilience of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem’s Mammal Population: A View of Historical Record, 1871–1885,” published in *Montana The Magazine of Western History*. The article reveals that while subsistence hunting by indigenous inhabitants and Euro-American settlers affected the greater Yellowstone region’s wildlife populations, it was unregulated commercial hunting and thrill killing that increased the number of mammals killed to the level of wholesale slaughter between 1871 and 1885.

CHARLES A. WEYERHAEUSER BOOK AWARD

The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Book Award rewards superior scholarship and fresh insights in forest and conservation history. **David Fedman** won for *Seeds of Control: Japan’s Empire of Forestry in Colonial Korea* (University of Washington Press, 2020). The book explores Japanese imperialism through the lens of forest conservation in colonial Korea—a project of environmental rule that outlived the empire itself. It examines the roots of Japanese ideas about the Korean landscape and the consequences and aftermath of Japanese approaches to Korean “greenification.”

LEOPOLD-HIDY AWARD

Named for forester and ecologist Aldo Leopold and business historian Ralph Hidy, this award honors the

best article published in the journal *Environmental History* during the preceding year, and is presented jointly by the American Society for Environmental History and the Forest History Society. **Elizabeth Hennessy** received the 2021 Leopold-Hidy Award for her article, “Saving Species: The Co-Evolution of Tortoise Taxonomy and Conservation in the Galapagos Islands,” which uses a case study of Galapagos tortoises to explore “the question of how we understand what species are,” a question of obvious, indeed crucial, importance in an era marked by rapid and ongoing extinction. It was published in the April 2020 issue.

JOHN M. COLLIER AWARD FOR FOREST HISTORY JOURNALISM

The John M. Collier Award annually recognizes an author for the best article about forest and conservation history published in a newspaper, trade publication, or general circulation magazine. **Gabriel Popkin** won in 2021 for the article, “Can Genetic Engineering Bring Back the American Chestnut?” published in the April 30, 2020, edition of the *New York Times Magazine*. It tells the story of an attempt through genetic engineering to rescue and restore the American chestnut tree, which was all but wiped out by 1940 because of a blight, to eastern U.S. forests. Popkin includes a summary of the environmental and cultural histories of the species and the fungus that decimated an estimated three billion trees.

FREDERICK K. WEYERHAEUSER FOREST HISTORY FELLOWSHIP

This is awarded annually to a student at the FHS university affiliate,

Duke University, whose research is historical in nature and related to forestry, land use, or the environment. **Vivien Rendleman** is a PhD student in the Department of History at Duke University. She received the 2021 Weyerhaeuser Fellowship award for her project, “Unfree Soil: Empire, Labor, and Coercion in the Upper Mississippi River Valley, 1803–1861.” Rendleman’s dissertation asks how the geography of the Upper Mississippi River Valley shaped relationships of work and power in the nineteenth-century United States by centering the region’s Native American people and their lifeways, as well as the historical role of non-human nature.

WALTER S. ROSENBERRY FELLOWSHIP IN FOREST AND CONSERVATION HISTORY

This annual fellowship provides a stipend to support the doctoral research of a graduate student attending a university in North America whose research contributes to forest and conservation history. **Kyuhyun Han** is a PhD candidate in the Department of History at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and is focusing on the study of human-animal relations in modern Chinese history, specifically focusing on the history of the People’s Republic of China. Her research project, “Seeing the Forest Like a State: Forest Management, Wildlife Conservation, and Center-Periphery Relations in Northeast China, 1949–1988,” challenges the premise that the Mao era was devoid of environmental protection policies by considering Chinese scientific discussions and conservation policy in the context

of the international development of environmental consciousness during that time.

FELLOW OF THE FOREST HISTORY SOCIETY AWARD

In 2021, the FHS board of directors unanimously and posthumously recognized **Peter Murphy** as Fellow of the Forest History Society, the Society's highest honor given to persons who have provided many years of outstanding leadership and service to the Society or many years of outstanding sustained contributions to the research, writing, or teaching of forest, conservation, or environmental history. Peter Murphy excelled at both. He joined FHS in 1986 and quickly proved an enthusiastic member. In short order, he joined the board of directors and served as chair in the 1990s. Peter was instrumental in strengthening relationships between the Forest History Society and Canada. He was coauthor of the FHS collaborative publication *A Hard Road to Travel: Land, Forests, and People in the Upper Athabasca Region*, one of his many books on forestry in Alberta and Canada, and he was the founding force behind the Forest History Association of Alberta.

ALFRED D. BELL JR. TRAVEL GRANT RECIPIENTS

Kelly Kay, an assistant professor of Geography at UCLA, conducted research for a project looking at the restructuring of the U.S. forest products industry, particularly with regard to ownership structures. This included changes such as the conversion to Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), and the selloff of land or processing facilities.

Tatiana Konrad is a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of English and American Studies at the University of Vienna, Austria. Her

project traced the cultural history of climate change as reflected in literature, looking at transformations of the environment as well as of socio-political and eco-cultural thought since the Industrial Revolution.

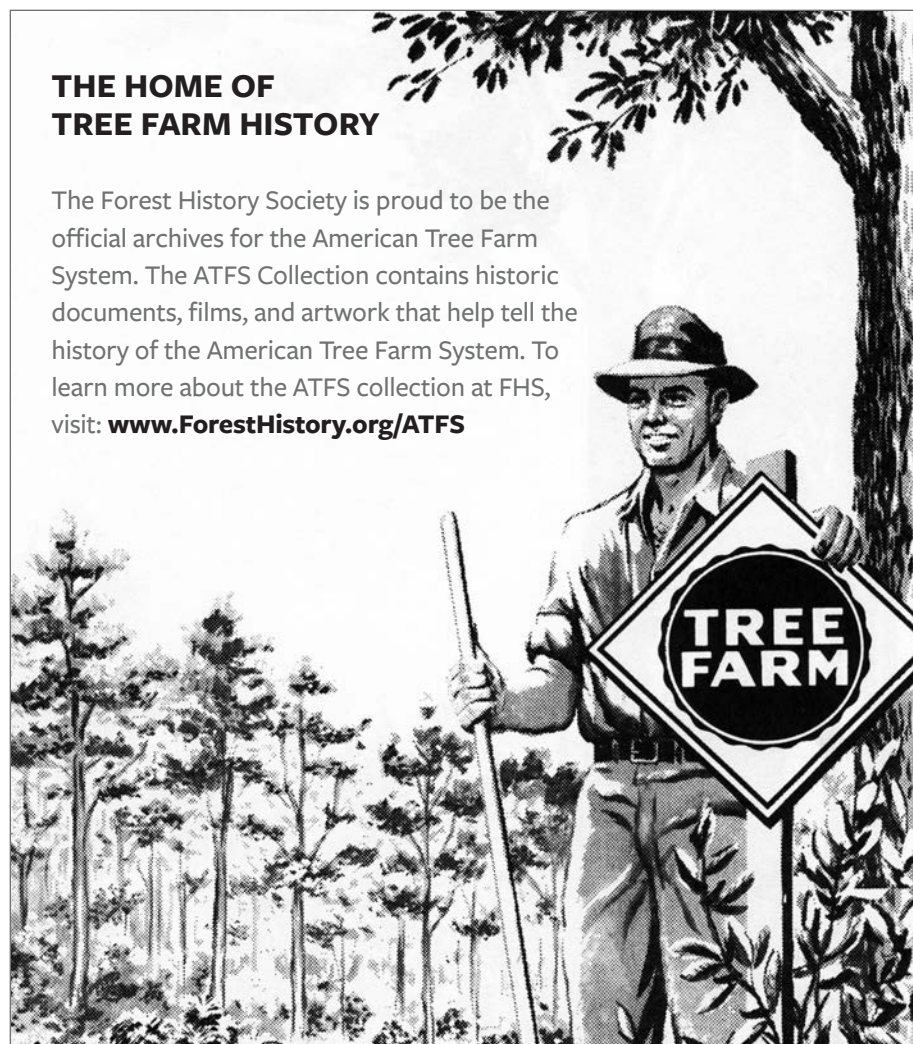
Kerri Dean is a PhD candidate in American History, with minor fields of Environmental History and Museum Studies, at Claremont Graduate University in California. Her dissertation examined how the changing values attached to the Christmas tree in the United States have reflected shifts in American culture and society.

Bert Geyer is a lecturer in the Art and Design Department at Chicago State University. He visited FHS to

research the history of the Nebraska National Forest, the Bessey Tree Nursery, and early tree planting efforts in Nebraska.

Ian Snider is a PhD candidate in Forest Resources at Clemson University. He used FHS resources to conduct an in-depth literature review on the history of draft animal logging in Appalachia and how it informs Artisan Forestry's future.

Shing Yin Khor is a Malaysian-American cartoonist and experience designer making stories about immigrants trying to find a home in nostalgic Americana. They examined the William B. Laughead Collection and other materials about the legendary figure Paul Bunyan.



THE HOME OF TREE FARM HISTORY

The Forest History Society is proud to be the official archives for the American Tree Farm System. The ATFS Collection contains historic documents, films, and artwork that help tell the history of the American Tree Farm System. To learn more about the ATFS collection at FHS, visit: www.ForestHistory.org/ATFS