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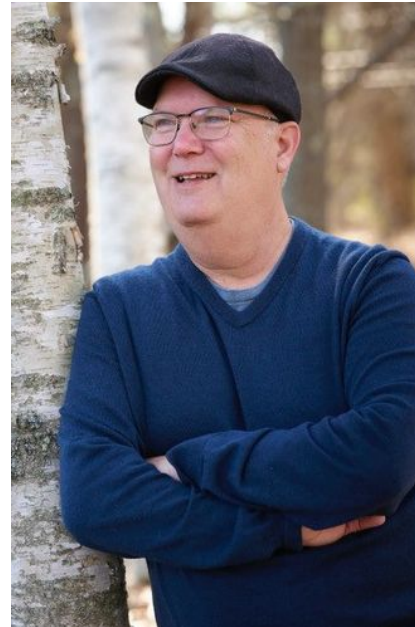
## "Finding Their Roots" Webinar

### Finding Their Roots: Exploring the Childhood Landscapes of Our Conservation Giants with Jeffrey Ryan

Dec. 1, 2022

1-2 pm ET on Zoom

What led people like Aldo Leopold, Benton MacKaye, Ernest Oberholtzer, and Howard Zahniser to become advocates for our parks, forests, and wilderness areas? While researching his latest book, [\*This Land Was Saved for You and Me: How Gifford Pinchot, Frederick Law Olmsted, and a Band of Foresters Rescued America's Public Lands\*](#), author Jeffrey Ryan visited the birthplaces and other critical landscapes of these and other early conservationists to better understand how "nature" shaped their lives and careers. Ryan will share images from his travels as well as quotes from the subjects themselves about how their early connections with nature helped set them on the path to becoming fervent defenders of our parks, forests, and wilderness areas. Purchase the book directly from the publisher [HERE](#) and enter the code **THISLAND25** at checkout for 25% off the book!



This talk has been approved for 1.0 hours of CFE credit from the Society of American Foresters.

[Register Today!](#)

## Webinar: Managing Ukraine's Forest Fires in a Time of War

### "Shell Shocked and Irradiated: Managing Ukraine's Forest Fires in a Time of War" with Sertigay Zibsetz

Dec 1, 2022

12-1 pm ET on Zoom

Join us for a conversation with Sergiy Zibsetz, the head of the Regional Eastern Europe Monitoring Center, when he discusses the historical and current challenges of Ukrainian forest fire management. The event will be moderated by Jameson Karns of the Institute for California and the West. Further contemporary and historical perspective will be offered by

Robert English, Professor of International Relations at USC Dornsife. The webinar is cosponsored by the Forest History Society and the Institute.



DECEMBER 1, 2022  
9AM - 10AM (PT)

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# Shell-Shocked and Irradiated:

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A conversation with **Sergiy Zibtsez**, head of the  
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## FHS Welcomes New Board Members

At the recent FHS Board of Director's meeting, the following candidates were unanimously elected as Directors for a three-year term. Congratulations to all and welcome to FHS!



**Lynne Heasley**  
Professor of  
Environment and  
Sustainability, Western  
Michigan University

An environmental historian



**Ruth Anna Stolk**  
Research Associate,  
Smithsonian Institution

In her 35 years with the  
Smithsonian and related  
institutions, Ruth has



**Frederick W.  
Piasecki** Chief  
Technology Officer,  
Piasecki Aircraft  
Corporation

Fred has spent 36 years in  
various levels of

and professor in the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability at Western Michigan University, Lynne is the author of *A Thousand Pieces of Paradise: Landscape and Property in the Kickapoo Valley*; *The Accidental Reef and Other Ecological Odysseys in the Great Lakes*; and coeditor of *Border Flows: A Century of the Canadian-American Water Relationship*, to name a few. Her earliest research was in West Africa, which led to an article in *Environmental History* entitled "On Walking Contested Land: Doing Environmental History in West Africa and the U.S."

created powerful programs that changed the way people think about conservation, science, and environment. She has forged connections through hosting hundreds of live and web-based conversations to harness the power of science in our culture. She led the elite team that produced and built audiences for Earth Optimism Summits from 2017 to 2022. Earth Optimism reached more than 400 million people worldwide on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day in 2020, and was one of the themes of the Smithsonian Folklife Festival on Washington's National Mall.

responsibility at the Piasecki Aircraft Corporation, a family-owned aerospace engineering company founded by his father, Frank N. Piasecki. Fred is a patent holder of various aviation, transportation, and wind turbine designs. Wood and wood products are used in one of the company's Unmanned Ariel Vehicles (UAVs) designs being supplied to the US Government Armed Forces. Fred currently serves as a director of the American Helicopter Museum and Education Center located in West Chester, PA, which serves to preserve and educate the public on the technical and historical events in the helicopter industry.



### **Mark Madison**

**Historian, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

Mark is an environmental historian and historian of science currently working as National Historian for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in charge of their Heritage and Partnership Branch. He conducts educational outreach, designs museum displays, and helps maintain the 500,000-item National Conservation Training Center Archives/Museum. Mark also teaches environmental history, environmental ethics, and environmental film at Shepherd University. He previously taught evolutionary biology, history of science, and philosophy of science at University of Melbourne and Harvard University and spent 3 years doing tropical reforestation in the Philippines as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer. He served many years as the



### **Tom Temple**

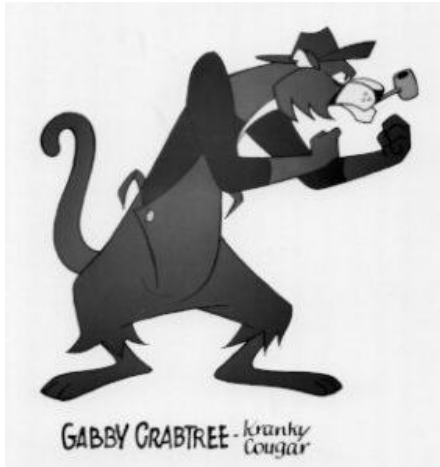
**Vice-President, Wood Products and Southern Resources, PotlatchDeltic Corp. (retired)**

From 2008 to 2021 Tom was Vice President, Wood Products and Southern Resources at PotlatchDeltic Corporation before retiring. His prior position included Vice President, International Sales and Panel Marketing, at Canfor in Vancouver, BC, and Vice President, Sales and Marketing, at Slocan Forest Products before the two companies merged. He also worked as Executive Vice President at Rossi American Hardwoods and General Manager, Lumber for Plum Creek Timber Company before moving to Vancouver in 2003. He has served on many industry association boards, including the American Plywood Association, Canadian Wood Council, COFI International Market Access

treasurer of the American Society for Environmental History (ASEH) and is currently serving as treasurer of the International Consortium of Environmental History Organizations.

Committee, and the BC Forestry Innovation and Investment Advisory Board.

## More Smokey Bear Records Available



A new collection of Smokey Bear-related materials is now open for research, courtesy of James Sorenson. From 1965 to 1976, Sorenson worked for the Missouri Department of Conservation. In 1976 he officially began his career with the Forest Service, and worked for the agency until his retirement in 1998. The majority of the materials in the collection come from his time working for the Cooperative Forest Fire Program on various Smokey Bear campaigns in Washington, DC, during the 1970s. The collection includes correspondence, reports, publications, photos, audio recordings and artwork; some of which are held at FHS Archives in the Smokey Bear artist Rudy Wendelin collection. Artwork also includes slides of characters from the

Smokey Bear television cartoon program including Gabby Crabtree.

You can view the finding aid [HERE](#). You can watch some of the fire prevention public service announcements from the collection on our YouTube channel [HERE](#).

## International Student Group Interviews FHS Historian about Fire Suppression System

Zoom Meeting

James Lewis | Arhana Mor | ayazhan

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- We believe there is a need to install sensors in Forests along with self-operating Fire Extinguishing Systems to monitor and control fires which may be more large scale and disastrous. This idea has been tried in some Forests in Italy.

Slide 5 of 5 "Urban"

FHS Historian Jamie Lewis was recently interviewed by an international team of students to help them with a project. Arhana Mor, a high school junior at Ryan International School, India, contacted him. She is a fellow of the New York Academy of Sciences' Junior Academy program (more information below). Arhana is part of the team "Universe: Forest." She is one of five students from India, Brazil, and Kazakhstan on the team, which is working on the project "Forestry for Sustainable Development."

Their project builds on a new "ultra-early" warning system for wildfires, developed by a German startup called Dryad, which uses a solar-powered sensor fitted with a gas detector that's recently been deployed in Italy. (You can read about the Dryad system [HERE](#).) The students are trying to determine the viability of using the sensor system with a self-operating fire extinguishing system in forests around the world and interviewed Jamie because, as they told him, "We have a few questions on the preservation of forests and firmly believe that, given your experience and stature, you could answer them."

### [About the Junior Academy](#)

Each year, the New York Academy of Sciences selects an international cohort of high school students (ages 13-17) to become part of The Junior Academy, who join a dynamic global network of like-minded peers and mentors. Students work together on Launchpad, the Academy's unique online platform. Launchpad enables students and STEM professionals to collaborate virtually as they compete in project-based challenges focused on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Additionally, students develop STEM and research experience while advancing vital 21st-century skills such as leadership, communication, and collaboration.

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## Give the Gift of FHS Membership



Give the gift of membership in the Forest History Society to friends, family and colleagues who share your interest in forest and conservation history. It's a great way to introduce others to the exciting work we do; preserving history and giving current topics historic context to better understand it's impact on the future.

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