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Ukraine Student Visits FHS



Following a visit as part of the Duke University student chapter of the Society of American Foresters, Dmytro Zlenko, Master of Environmental Management at the Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke University, spent some time at FHS headquarters. Dmytro received his B.A. in Natural Sciences and Ecology from Vytautas Magnus University Kaunas, Lithuania in June 2019. After spending a semester at sea, traveling the world in a study abroad program (sponsored by Colorado State University), he was inspired by environmental work going on around the globe and decided he was ready for grad school. He told us that, "Duke and Nicholas community is outstanding, and it's a great honor to study here and represent

Ukraine in times of Russian war."

He added about his visit to FHS: "The info I was looking up in the library is for the Fuqua School of Business Client Consulting Practicum Course, where students work with real-world cases. My team's client is the World Wildlife Fund. Overall, I aim to work in environmental consulting, and this course is an excellent opportunity to start. We have a great team, and I was glad to get some extra knowledge by visiting the Forest History Society!" Dmytro explored the recently processed [Lloyd W. Swift, Sr. archival collection](#), among others. Swift worked as the Director of the U.S. Office of the World Wildlife Fund from 1963 to 1966.

An Article of Interest on the History of Tree Extinction: "Dreaming of Rediscovery: Botanists, Extinction, and the Tree That Sets the Brain on Fire"

Kelly Enright - October 2022 - *Environmental History*

Kelly Enright, associate professor of history and anthropology at Flagler College, suggests that "The early nineteenth-century extinction of *Franklinia alatamaha* is quite possibly the first species loss recorded on American



soil." The journal editors comment that her essay "offers a fresh look at the concept of extinction, not only by turning our attention away from animals and toward plants, but by illustrating the lengths that naturalists would go in search of a vanished member of the native biota that continued to exist in the wild only in their imaginations."

Kelly talks about the tree *Franklinia alatamaha*, the Franklin tree, first recorded by William Bartram in the last 1700s while traveling along southeastern Georgia's Altamaha River. This small tree with large showy white flowers, reminiscent of magnolia, became extinct in the wild but was preserved as an ornamental due to Bartram's efforts. *Franklinia's* fall foliage graces the cover of the October issue.

Photo: William Bartram published his illustration of *Franklinia alatamaha* in

1788. Library and Archives, Natural History Museum, London. Public domain; scan courtesy of NHM London.

The article can be read in the October 2022 issue of *Environmental History*, beginning on page 665..

[Read the Article Online](#)

Catch up on *Conversations in Forest History*

If you missed any of our webinars this fall, now is a great time to catch them on YouTube. Here's what a few of our viewers had to say recently.

"As an urban tree farm owner in Arkansas, this information enriches my attachment to the land and the bigger issues around it, i.e., responsible management. As a grandparent, I surely hope that the children might take their attachment to this land to a broader level."

"I love these historical history webinars. I am not always on live but I go back and watch them. I just watched Rachel Kline's a few days ago which was also awesome."

"Thank you very much for the historical perspective on early conservationists. I feel that this history is the foundation to continue building on in the present. I look forward to more presentations in the future."

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

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