



Forest Timeline *Newsletter*

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Join us for the webinar series

Conversations in Forest History

With host and FHS Historian Jamie Lewis



Join us for our next webinar: "Understanding ESG and the Forest Sector"

In less than 20 years, the ESG (environmental, social, and governance) movement has grown into a global phenomenon representing more than \$30 trillion in assets under management. ESG ratings aim to measure a company's long-term management of financially relevant ESG opportunities and risks. However, controversies (and confusion) emerge when different companies post ESG ratings and how relevant those ratings are to informing sustainable investing. This can leave investors, company leadership, and government regulators challenged to understand the real meaning of ESG and how it may relate to the forest-based supply chain. Join Jason Metnick to learn about the ESG topics that are driving innovation and mitigating risk in the forest sector.

Jason Metnick is Senior Vice President, Customer Affairs, with Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc. Jason has worked at SFI since 2001 and leads the standards pillar at SFI, with a focus on elevating the SFI standards as a proof point for sustainable forestry and responsible purchasing. **This webinar is approved for 1 hour of CFE credit.**

You can see all previous webinars on our [YouTube channel](#), including [last month's](#) about the history of US Forest Service rangers by historian Rachel Kline.

Register today!

2023 Leopold-Hidy Article Award Winner

The Leopold-Hidy Award annually recognizes superior scholarship in the quarterly journal *Environmental History*, which the Forest History Society and the American Society for Environmental History co-publish.



The journal's editorial board has awarded the prize to **Dr. Emily Brownell**, lecturer in Environmental History at Edinburgh University, for her article "Reterritorializing the Future: Writing Environmental Histories of the Oil Crisis from Tanzania," published in the October 2022 issue. Brownell's article challenges environmental historians to play a bigger role in narrating the events of postcolonial Africa and underscores the promise of doing so by reframing the oil crisis of the 1970s and 80s as a political and social crisis in Tanzania that set in motion environmental transformations.

[Read The Article!](#)

Graduate Student Essay Prize

The American Society for Environmental History and the Forest History Society are pleased to award the second annual ASEH-FHS Graduate Student Essay Prize for the best essay of journal-article length written by a graduate student on an environmental history and/or forest history topic to Ethan Barkalow, Georgetown University, for "Empire Underwater: Seaweed and Technology on a Korean Littoral, 1907-1945."



The prize seeks to promote essays by members of groups that have been underrepresented in the fields and/or work dealing with underrepresented groups as their principal topic. The winners will be Environmental History Fellows for one year and will participate in individual virtual workshops with established scholars to facilitate publication of the winner's essay and other identified essays, be it in *Environmental History* or other journals.

Three additional essays with publication potential were selected by the committee consisting of members of the journal's editorial board. They are:



Camden Elliott (Harvard University), "Nursery of Empire: Trees, Time, and



Chandra Laborde (University of California, Berkeley), "Building a Country



Hayden Nelson (University of Kansas), "'Saw-Mills and Liberty!': Timber Resources,

Native American Resistance in the Colonial Northeast, 1675-1765."

Women's Commune: Spatializing Ecological Feminism in Northern California during the 1970s."

Property, and Removal in Territorial Kansas."

FHS Historian Interviewed About Plant Closing

FHS historian Jamie Lewis was interviewed for a television news report about the recently announced closure of the Pactiv Evergreen plant in Canton, NC. The plant, which opened in 1908 as Champion Fibre Company, is the subject of one of FHS's [digital exhibits](#).

Reporter Rex Hodge found the digital exhibit and called FHS hoping to speak with someone who could give some historical perspective. A few hours later, Rex interviewed Jamie about the plant's history over Zoom. The plant closure is part of a company-wide restructuring plan.



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FHS Digital Photo Collection Reaches 40K Milestone!

At the start of this century, FHS began digitizing its photo collection. As of this month, the total number of images found in the online database **is now more than 40,000!** Thanks to our excellent archivists and countless hours logged by student interns, FHS has significantly moved the work forward. So much more to go!

The photos cover a wide array of topics and provide an excellent visual record of different aspects of forest history--from fire fighting to forest recreation, from logging practices to forest management practices. The collection includes 17,000 U.S. Forest Service photos, 9,000 from the Weyerhaeuser Company records, 1,200 from *Forest Industries* magazine, nearly 900 from the American Forestry Association collection, 400 glass lantern slides, and much, much more! And there's more yet to be



Photo number FHS241 (above) featured a man assembling barrel staves for a future whiskey barrel in the 1940s. It was featured on the cover of the Spring 2001 *Forest Timeline* issue, in which we announced the beginning of the photo digitization efforts at FHS!

[Explore US Forest Service collection](#)

[Explore Forest Industries magazine collection](#)

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the collection!

Explore Weyerhaeuser Co.
collection



FHS Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, April 29, 2023

We are looking forward to hosting the [FHS Board of Directors](#) at our headquarters in Durham, North Carolina, for their Spring 2023 meeting. If you are interested in attending, please contact Andrea [by email](#).

We are grateful to our volunteer board for all the time and energy they have dedicated in recent years to help FHS blaze a trail for the next 75 years! Thank you!



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