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Tania Munz to Lead the Forest History Society



The FHS Board of Directors and the staff are happy to announce that Tania Munz will become the new FHS President and CEO, effective Sept. 5. Tania succeeds Steve Anderson, who's retiring after 27 years in the position.

In a message to Society members announcing the appointment last week, Lynn Wilson, a member of the FHS board of directors who led the CEO search committee, shared that “after more than a year of thoughtful and deliberate succession planning, we believe Tania is the ideal leader for ensuring that FHS continues advancing its mission of helping people identify, collect, preserve, and use the documents of forest history. Tania’s leadership will also enable FHS to sustain another part of its mission—informing natural resource decision making.” Bob Izlar, chair of the FHS board of directors, said, “We know that Tania Munz’s previous leadership experience, her passion for history, and her vision for the future of FHS make for a winning combination that signifies great things ahead.” Both Lynn

and Bob went on to thank Steve for his service and leadership. We'll have more about Steve's retirement in next month's issue.

Tania comes to FHS from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Cambridge, MA. As Chief Program Officer, she led the independent research center's programmatic work in areas spanning science, humanities, international affairs, and education, and oversaw a staff of twenty-two in its DC and Cambridge offices. She has previously served as Vice President for Scholarly Programs at the National Humanities Center in Research Triangle Park, NC, and as Vice President for Research and Scholarship at the Linda Hall Library in Kansas City, MO. You can read more about Tania on our website [here](#).

"I'm thrilled and honored to lead the Forest History Society in this next phase," said Tania. "The FHS's collections on the history of forestry and its related industries are unique and make it a foremost destination for scholars, practitioners, and all who care about forests. Our history and future are deeply tied to forests, and it's exciting to be joining the talented staff and impressive and committed board members to further grow the reach and profile of the FHS."

Fellowship Award



This year's winner of the [Walter S. Rosenberry Graduate Fellowship](#) is George Andrei from Indiana University in Bloomington. His dissertation project is "Our Struggle for Existence: State-building, Forestry, and Citizenship in Carpathian Romania, 1918-1940." Studying Romanian forestry from global and local perspectives, his work so far has revealed the networks of scientific activism that connected Romanian foresters to peers in the United States, Europe, and the colonized world and how these connections led them to develop seemingly paradoxical notions of rural citizenship based on duty, commodification, and environmental stewardship. At the same time, he will evaluate the purchase of modern forestry practices among highland- and mountain-dwelling villagers whose socioecological systems were fundamentally transformed through these practices.

The Rosenberry fellowship provides a stipend to support the work of a doctoral student attending a university in North America whose research contributes to forest and conservation history. [Walter S. Rosenberry \(1931-2005\)](#) was a long-time supporter and a FHS Board member who provided the Society's first endowment in support of its awards program.

Meet Up with FHS at the SAF Convention



Join a very active FHS at the Society of American Foresters national convention in Sacramento, CA. The convention will be Oct. 25-28, 2023. In addition to exhibiting, FHS will be hosting an Innovation Zone session, where you can meet our new president Tania Munz and ask the library staff about preserving and archiving your personal, organization, or corporate papers and documents. FHS is the repository for the Society of American Foresters [national office records](#).

The convention's theme is "[Forestry: It's in Our DNA](#)." FHS historian Jamie Lewis will join Tom Fox of Rayonier and Linda Nagel of Utah State University for the opening-day plenary session "[What is a Forester?](#)" on Weds., Oct. 25, at 4 pm. The panel will be moderated by Austin Himes of Mississippi State University.

Several field trips, like the tours to Blodgett Forest on Weds. and the Institute of Forest Genetics and Placerville Nursery on Sat., have forest history connections. [Learn more](#)

about them on the [convention website](#).

Early-bird [registration rates](#) are available through August 31. Learn more about events, workshops, and tours on the [SAF website](#).

Webinar Series Returns in Sept.



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Join us for the webinar series

Conversations in Forest History

With host and FHS Historian Jamie Lewis



The [Conversations in Forest History](#) webinar series will return this fall, kicking off with two industry-focused presentations. Both presentations are approved for 1 hour of CFE credit.

On September 14, Beth Comier, of SAAP North America, will be talking about cellulose, the most abundant polymer on earth. Used in paper products, textiles, consumables, and pharmaceuticals, cellulose is central to our daily lives. The presentation "[Cellulose: Meet the Versatile Forest-based Polymer](#)" will cover the many applications of forest-based cellulose in everyday products—some known, some not so known. Join us on a journey from paper and paper-based packaging to wood pulps for innovative composites and textiles and then finally from forest into high fashion.



"Cellulose: Meet the Versatile Forest-based Polymer"
with Beth Comier
Sept. 14, 1-2 pm ET

Register today!

Then on October 11 join Tracy Buran Evens of TimberLink LLC for "TIMOs: The History and Future of Timberland Investing." To understand how the timberland investment management organization, or TIMO, industry has grown and invested capital over the past forty years, institutional investor objectives and preferences for committing capital must



also be understood. An easy way to understand this complex topic is to trace the history of TIMOs back to its origins in the 1980s, which can be broken down into distinct eras. Join Tracy Buran Evens for a trip through history and what we might expect in the future for timberland investing.

Register today!

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FHS Annual Fund and Membership Reaches All-Time High!

Please accept a **big hug** from the board, staff, and everyone who relies on the Forest History Society to collect, preserve, and share the documents of forest and conservation history!

YOU made 2023 the best year yet in membership growth and dollars raised in support of our work!

We raised
\$568,711!



THANK YOU!



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