



FOREST HISTORY SOCIETY

Forest Timeline Newsletter

September 2024

Greetings from the President

After taking a break in August from our regular newsletter updates, we are back with lots of recent and upcoming news. As the weather has gotten cooler and the days shorter, we are off to a running start, busy with travel and planning for what lies ahead.

Earlier this month, I visited the University of Georgia's Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, where I spoke to faculty and students about the Forest History Society and the researchers who bring the stories held in our collections to life. I enjoyed meeting with faculty members from various fields and learning more about their diverse interests and cutting-edge research. These meetings gave me an opportunity to learn about how history informs their work. I thank them for their hospitality and look forward to continuing the conversation about how FHS can best serve their teaching and research. (Pictured above at the UGA Stadium is: Tania and Bynum Boley, Professor at the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources.)



Last week, it was my pleasure to attend the Society of American Foresters Annual Conference in Loveland, Colorado. It was a terrific meeting, where I was able to meet many forestry professionals--some with decades of experience and long-standing ties to FHS, and others who are just starting out. These interactions as well as a well-attended forest history session (on the last day of the conference, first thing in the morning, no less!) demonstrated to me just how deeply forestry professionals care about the history of their field and of our land.

A special congratulations to Steven Anderson for being awarded the 2024 Sir William Schlich Memorial Award!

I wish you all a good fall and we look forward to keeping you posted on all that lies ahead at FHS!

2024 John M. Collier Award Winner - Alec Luhn



The Forest History Society announces this year's winner of the John M. Collier Award, **Alec Luhn**, an award-winning climate journalist and current Ocean Reporting Network Fellow at the Pulitzer Center, for his article in *Scientific American* entitled "Rusting Rivers."

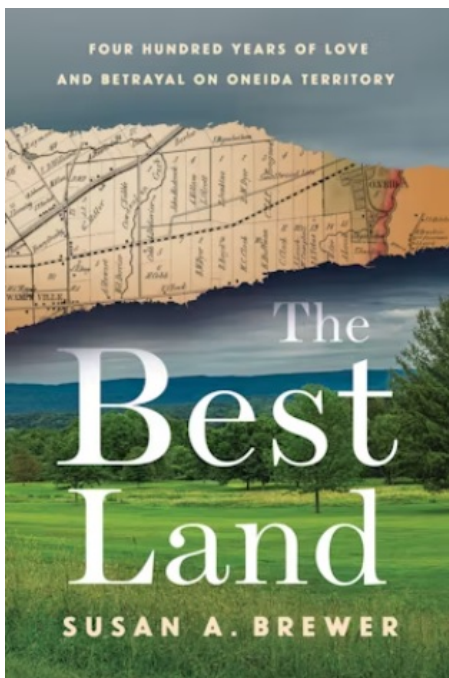
The **John M. Collier Award for Forest History Journalism** is given annually to a journalist whose work incorporates forest or conservation history in an article or series of articles published in North America that relate to environmental issues. **John M. Collier**, a longtime journalist who covered the forest industry, represented the best of the profession with thorough research, solid interpretation, and clear writing throughout his career. The award seeks to honor his work and memory by recognizing journalists who carry on his tradition of excellence.

Join us for the webinar series

Conversations in Forest History

With host and FHS Historian Jamie Lewis

**"Clash and Connection on
the Best Land"
with Susan A. Brewer
October 24 at 1-2 p.m. ET**



In [*The Best Land: Four Hundred Years of Love and Betrayal on Oneida Territory*](#), Susan A. Brewer traces the history of a parcel of land in central New York and the stories of the two families —her own European settler family and the Mohawk/Oneida family of Polly Denny—who called it home. Her talk considers the struggle over land, tales of pioneer progress, and native dispossession. Although these two families lived as neighbors for centuries, they clashed over beliefs and practices regarding the land and its forests, streams, and soils.

Susan A. Brewer is the author of *The Best Land: Four Hundred Years of Love and Betrayal on Oneida Territory* (2024), *Why America Fights: Patriotism and War Propaganda from the Philippines to Iraq* (2009), and *To Win the Peace: British Propaganda in the United States during World War II* (1997). As professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point from 1990-2015, she taught American history and specialized

in the history of U.S. Foreign Relations. She now lives in the Adirondack Mountains in upstate New York.

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FHS at 2024 SAF National Convention

Former FHS CEO wins award.



From September 17-20, FHS President Tania Munz and Librarian Lauren Bissonette attended the 2024 Society of American Foresters National Convention in Loveland, Colorado.

At SAF's national awards ceremony held during the convention, former FHS President Steve Anderson received the [Sir William Schlich Award](#). Given every other year, the Schlich Award recognizes broad and outstanding contributions to the field of forestry, including in policy and national & international activities. Former FHS Board chair Michael Kelly stated in his nomination of Steve that he "has been a tireless advocate for sound forest policy, contributing to the publication of influential booklets and engaging in policy advisory roles. His dedication to enhancing the effects of forestry on both national and international stages makes him a truly deserving recipient." Steve is the second FHS president to receive the award. [Pete Steen](#) received it in 2000.

FHS-ASEH Graduate Student Essay Prize

Seeking submissions.

The American Society for Environmental History and the Forest History Society are partnering to award the ASEH-FHS Graduate Student Essay Prize for the best journal-length essay by a graduate student on an environmental history and/or forest history topic. We are particularly interested in essays by members of groups that have been underrepresented in the fields and/or work dealing with underrepresented groups as their principal topic, but we welcome submissions from all graduate students.

The deadline for submissions is November 20, 2024. Winners will be notified in February 2025.

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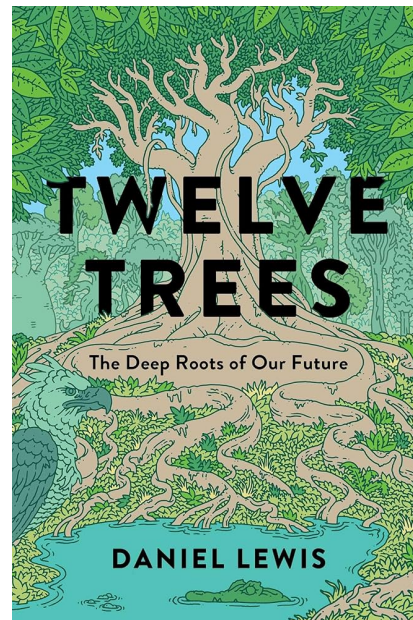
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2024 Lynn W. Day Distinguished Lectureship in Forest and Conservation History

Attend in-person or on Zoom!



The world today is undergoing the most rapid environmental transformation in human history—from climate change to deforestation. All these factors influence and are influenced by the trees that make up our surroundings. Scientists, ethnobotanists, indigenous peoples, and collectives of all kinds are closely studying trees and their biology to understand how and why trees function individually and collectively in a changing environment. For his new book, *Twelve Trees: The Deep Roots of Our Future*, historian Daniel Lewis went on a global journey to learn about twelve iconic trees in their habitats, including two species found in North Carolina—the longleaf pine and bald cypress.

In this talk, Lewis will reveal what he learned of nature and survival through a dozen tree species and share insights into the ways in which humans and trees are interconnected. There are two ways to attend. The lecture will be given in-person at the Forest History Society's headquarters in Durham and also streamed live on Zoom. Tickets for the

reception and lecture **are free but registration is required**. Registration is also required for the Zoom event. Join us for a book signing immediately following the lecture hosted by The Regulator Bookshop!

Daniel Lewis is the Huntington Library's Senior Curator for the History of Science and Technology. He holds a PhD in History and has had post-doctoral appointments at Oxford University, the Smithsonian, and the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society in Munich. He is also an environmental historian and college professor with a faculty appointment at Caltech, where he teaches courses in environmental history and humanities. *Twelve Trees: The Deep Roots of Our Future* is his fourth book.

The Lynn W. Day Distinguished Lectureship in Forest and Conservation History is sponsored by the Forest History Society, the Duke University **Department of History**, and Duke University's **Nicholas School of the Environment**.

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Bell Travel Grant Recipient

Researching Glulam development.

The Forest History Society awards several [Bell Travel Grants](#) each year to researchers who use FHS resources to support their work.

Kristin Potterton is a PhD candidate at the University of Washington. Her dissertation focuses on the historic development of Glulam technology through the mid-20th century in the United States with a focus on the Pacific Northwest. In her research at FHS, she used the AITC collection as well as correspondence files and advertising in the Weyerhaeuser Company Records.

Glulam, or glued laminated timber, is a structural engineered wood product made from layers of wood that are bonded together with moisture-resistant adhesives.



Now Available: The Joe Lint Collection on the

Northern Spotted Owl, 1960 – 2016

New collection to explore!



[The Joe Lint Collection on the Northern Spotted Owl](#) is now available to view, thanks to FHS *Steven Anderson Forest History* intern, Jed, who completed a number of digitization and processing projects at FHS this year, including this one. This collection contains materials collected by Joe Lint during his career as a wildlife biologist. The bulk of the materials focuses on the conflicts and controversy over protection of the northern spotted owl during the 1980s and early 1990s. Included in the materials are publications, books, reports, articles, newspaper clippings, correspondence, memos, scientific studies, and more.

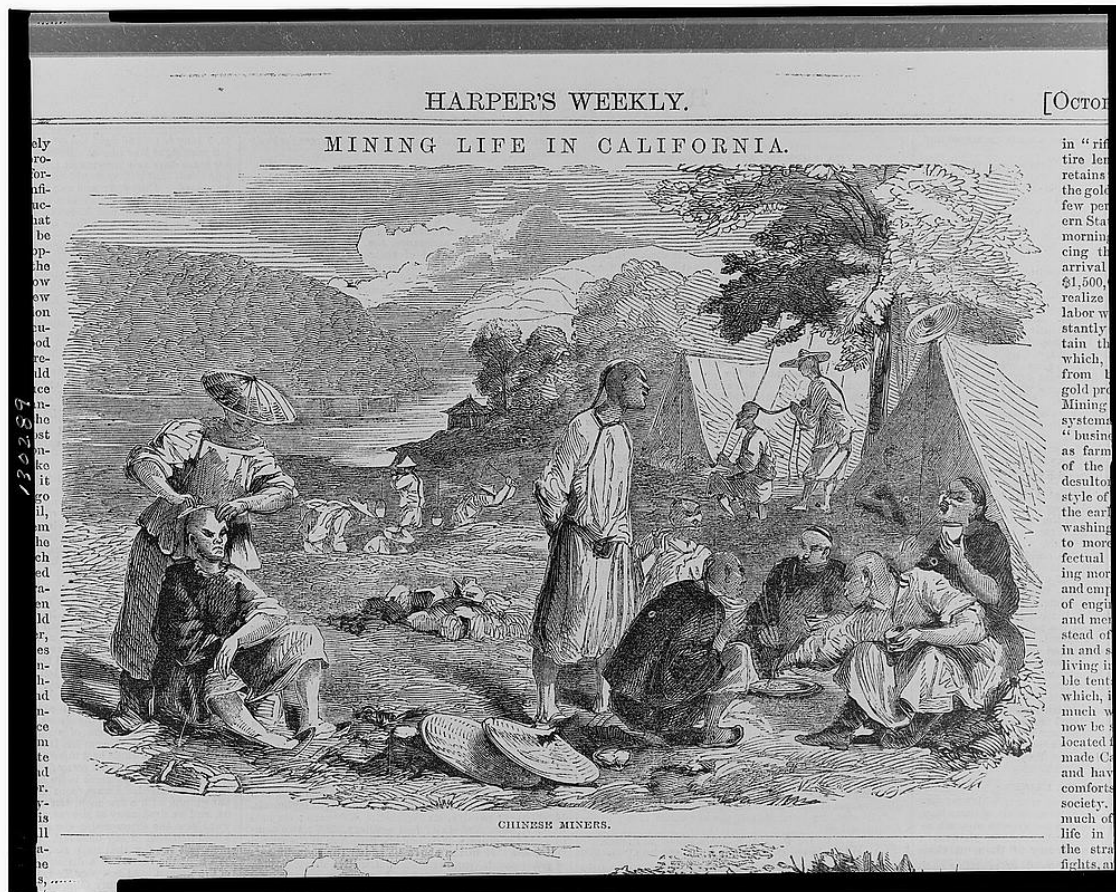
Jed recently returned to finish his last semester at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and will graduate in the spring with his Master's in Library and Information Science degree. He shared with us that his time at FHS reinforced his determination to pursue a career working in a specialty library and archive. His coursework peaked his interest in the field, but he said what cemented his decision to pursue a career was "the hands-on work of combing through boxes, sorting the materials, and organizing items into a collection". He added that *this* internship is what made the work come to life. He offered his appreciation of the staff at FHS and described Eben Lehman, the FHS Archivist, as a "wonderful mentor." Thank you, Jed. We agree! Thanks to our donors who support our Internship program, giving opportunity to students like Jed to find their career path through hands-on experience at our beautiful library!

[Explore The Collection](#)

[Take A Look At The Spotted Owl Timeline](#)

Chinese Loggers in the American West

New digital exhibit available!



In 1848, following the California Gold Rush, Chinese people quickly became part of American society. They established large Chinatowns on both American coasts and found employment in American industry, first in mining and railroads, then in logging. The work was varied but always difficult, and racial discrimination often made daily life that much harder. Despite the widespread Chinese presence in logging camps throughout the Sierra Nevada, the history and context of Chinese forest workers in the American West has only been documented by a few scholars, including Sue Fawn Chung and Yenyen Chen. This digital exhibit builds on their work and highlights the struggles and important contributions of these Chinese workers to the lumber industry and culture of the Pacific Northwest. This richly illustrated exhibit is now live on the FHS website.

The exhibit was made possible with generous support from the MillsDavis Foundation and was curated by Shing Yin Khor. The project was overseen by FHS Librarian Lauren Bissonette with help from FHS Historian James Lewis.

Explore the
Exhibit





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