

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

**F**orest History Society awards and fellowships are fully supported by endowment. The awards program enables the Society to recognize research and writing in forest and conservation history and stimulate further research into our understanding of the relationships between people and forests. High standards for selection reflect equally upon the recipient and the Society. Following is a list of awards for 2000.

### RALPH W. HIDY AWARD

The Ralph W. Hidy Award recognizes superior scholarship in the journal *Environmental History*, published jointly by the Forest History Society and the American Society for Environmental History. Criteria for the award include originality of research, use of scholarly apparatus, and felicity of style. The 2000 Hidy Award was granted to **Benjamin Heber Johnson**, a doctoral candidate in history at Yale University, for his January 1999 article, "Conservation, Subsistence, and Class at the Birth of the Superior National Forest" (Vol. 4(1):80–99). The article reconsiders the history of environmental conflict in Northeastern Minnesota in light of the impact of Superior National Forest's establishment in 1909, specifically by examining the effects of state conservation on local resource use and economic hierarchies in the nearby town of Ely. The author argues that the ability of the town's merchant elite to implement state conservation in its own interest posed a threat to subsistence uses by the area's poorer residents. The result was a deepening of the gap between the way these two groups perceived the natural world around them and the bureaucracies regulating it. These early conflicts helped contribute to widespread local opposition to the management of the forest, an opposition that still exists today.

### THEODORE C. BLEGEN AWARD

The Theodore C. Blegen Award recognizes the best article in a journal other than *Environmental History*. **Stacy Mitchell**,

a researcher for the Institute for Local Self Reliance in St. Paul, Minnesota, was the recipient of the 2000 Blegen Award for her 1999 article "Union in the North Woods: The Timber Strikes of 1937." The article was published in *Minnesota History*, Vol. 56(5):262–277. The author examines the tumultuous events surrounding the emergence of a successful trade union organizing drive and timber strikes in northern Minnesota in 1937. The author writes clearly with an easy style while presenting the complexity of events and players, including Scandinavian lumberjacks, Communist organizers, pulpwood farmers, interunion rivalries and the larger competition between AFL and CIO, the industry's response, and the key role of Governor Elmer Benson in supporting the strikers. The events are seen against the context of the larger Depression era and rural cut over crisis in Minnesota.

### JOHN M. COLLIER JOURNALISM AWARD

The John M. Collier Journalism Award recognizes the author of the best article on forest and conservation history published in newspapers, trade press, or general circulation magazines. The 2000 recipient of the Collier Award was awarded to **Lynne Bama** for her article "Wheeling and Dealing," published in the *High Country News*, March 29, 1999. The author deals with the history of government land trades with private industry, exploring both motivation and strategy. The article discusses the merits and failings of the federal land exchange program for over a century. The story was funded by grants from the Wyss Foundation, the Ruth Mott Foundation and the Kendall Foundation. Lynne Bama is a freelance journalist and poet and lives in Wapiti, Wyoming.

### CHARLES A. WEYERHAEUSER BOOK AWARD

The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Award for best book in forest and conservation history is biennial, granted in odd number years. It will be awarded again in 2001.

### F.K. WEYERHAEUSER FELLOWSHIP

The F.K. Weyerhaeuser Forest History Fellowship is awarded annually to a student at the FHS university affiliate, Duke University, whose research is historical in nature and related to forestry, land-use, or the environment. The 2000–2001 Fellowship was awarded to **Estaban Jobbagy**, a doctoral student in the Department of Botany at Duke University. The goal of his research, "The Introduction of Trees in a Treeless Region: Soil Effects of Afforestation in the Pampas," is to explore the influence of afforestation in soils of the pampas of Argentina, a region where tree communities were virtually absent until the arrival of European settlers.

The 2001–2002 Fellowship has been awarded to **Scott Bodien**, a Masters student in the Nicholas School of the Environment who will investigate and write the history of the Duke University Forest. Focusing on both the history of land-use practices over time and the social interactions surrounding the forest, the work has the potential to contribute significantly to the body of knowledge in forest and conservation history. It will particularly resonate with the larger Duke Community while dealing substantively with the history of research on the forest, making it a valuable resource for other university forest management programs.

### ALFRED D. BELL, JR. TRAVEL GRANTS

Alfred D. Bell, Jr. travel grants are awarded to enable researchers to use the FHS library and archives. Bell Fellows for the last year included:

**Shaul Cohen**, professor of geography at the University of Oregon used the archives of the American Forestry Association and other organizations in researching his book, tentatively titled *Planting Nature: Trees, Culture & Environment in the United States*.

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**Reagan Grimsley**, graduate student at the University of Southern Mississippi worked on his master's thesis on the environmental, economic, and social changes in the "piney woods" of Mississippi from 1880 to 1950.

**Justin Reich**, worked on his master's thesis from the University of Virginia on the history of landscape management in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

**Arthur V. Smyth**, forester from Washington, D.C. worked on his book *The Millicoma: Biography of a Pacific Northwestern Forest*.

**Bob Burns**, filmmaker of Arlington, Massachusetts surveyed the visual archives of FHS for topics that might lend themselves to the production of a documentary film or educational video. □

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### MARCH 28–APRIL 1, 2001

"Making Environmental History Relevant in the 21st Century." A joint meeting of the Forest History Society and the American Society for Environmental History. Durham, North Carolina. Contact: Steven Anderson, Forest History Society, 701 Vickers Ave., Durham, NC 27701; (919) 682-9319; stevena@duke.edu; www.lib.duke.edu/forest/.

### MAY 20–23, 2001

"National Watershed Conference: Small Watershed Programs—Past, Present, and Future." National Watershed Coalition. Richmond, VA. Contact: John W. Peterson, National Watershed Coalition, 9304 Lundy Court, Burke VA 22015-3431. Phone: (703) 455-6886. Fax: (703) 455-6888; jwpeterson@erols.com.

### AUGUST 12–16, 2001

"Inheriting the Future." Canadian Institute of Forestry—2001 Annual General Meeting. Whistler, British Columbia. Contact: CIF, 606-151 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5H3 Canada; Phone: (613) 234-2242; Fax: (613) 234-6181; cif@cif-ifc.org.

### SEPTEMBER 13–17, 2001

"Forestry at the Great Divide." 2001 Society of American Foresters National Convention. Denver, CO. Contact: SAF, 5400 Grosvenor Lane; Bethesda, Maryland, 20814; (301) 897-8720; www.safnet.org.

### SEPTEMBER 5–8, 2001

"Environmental History: Problems and Potentials." European Society for Environmental History First International Conference. University of St. Andrews, Scotland. Contact: Dr. Fiona Watson, Director, Centre for Environmental History and Policy, University of Stirling, Stirling FK9 4LA, Scotland; f.j.watson@stir.ac.uk.

### OCTOBER 6–8, 2001

Brazil's International Conference on the Human Dimensions of Global Change, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The 2001 Open Meeting of the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Research Community. The Open Meeting is being organized by the Brazilian Academy of Sciences, the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI), the International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change (IHDP), and CIESIN. Contact: http://sedac.ciesin.org/open-meeting/.

### OCTOBER 9–15, 2001

"Forest History of the Mountain Regions of the World." IUFRO Working Party Tropical Forest History 6.07.01. Kumaon University, Naini Tal/Himalaya, India. Contact: Dr. Elisabeth Johann, A-9173 St. Margareten, Freibach, Vienna. Phone: +43 4226 216; fax; +43 1 8796 101; elis.johann@carinthia.com.

### OCTOBER 18–21, 2001

"The Eleventh National Conference of the Society of Environmental Journalists." Portland, Oregon. Hosted by Portland State University. Contact: Beth Parke, executive director, PO Box 27280, Philadelphia, PA 19118-0280. Phone: (215) 884-8174; Fax: (215) 884-8175; sej@sej.org; www.sej.org/confer.

### FEBRUARY 18–20, 2002

Fifth National Australian Forest History Conference. Australian Forest History Society. Hobart, Tasmania. Contact: Dr John Dargavel, Visiting Fellow jointly in Department of Forestry and Centre for Resource and Environmental Studies Department of Forestry (Bldg 048), The Australian National University, Canberra, ACT 0200; Phone: +61 2 6249 3565; Fax: +61 2 6249 3565; John.Dargavel@anu.edu.au.

### MARCH 20–23, 2002

"Producing and Consuming Natures." American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado. Contact: Christopher Sellers, Dept. of History, SUNY at Stonybrook, Stonybrook, NY 11794; (631) 632-7514; csellers@notes.cc.sunysb.edu.

### SEPTEMBER 29–OCTOBER 3, 2002

"Forests Sustaining Communities/Communities Sustaining Forests." Canadian Institute of Foresters—2002 Annual General Meeting. North Bay, Ontario. Contact: CIF, 606-151 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5H3 Canada; Phone: (613) 234-2242; Fax: (613) 234-6181; cif@cif-ifc.org.

### OCTOBER 5–9, 2002

Society of American Foresters Annual Convention, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Contact: SAF, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland, 20814; (301) 897-8720; http://www.safnet.org.