

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Forest 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 2003.

LEOPOLD-HIDY AWARD

The Aldo Leopold-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. The winner is selected by members of the journal's editorial board, who each pick their top five articles. The 2003 recipient is **John Soluri** for his article "Accounting for Taste: Export Bananas, Mass Markets, and Panama Disease," which appeared in the July 2002 issue. To understand the environmental impact of the banana industry, Soluri shows, we cannot focus solely on shifts in methods of production. We also need to understand the history of marketing, including the changing demands of both merchants and consumers. For decades, American consumers preferred one variety of banana, and that preference shaped the ways growers responded to ecological and economic change. It is a model study of the ties between production and consumption. The article stretches the boundaries of environmental history by incorporating questions and insights from other disciplines and is an excellent example of the potential of environmental history to provide insight into issues of broad scholarly concern. The editorial board members praised Soluri's skill as a writer; telling a complex story in engaging fashion.

THEODORE C. BLEGEN AWARD

The Theodore C. Blegen Award recognizes the best article in a journal other than *Environmental History*. It is selected by an independent group of judges that consider such items as contribution to knowledge, strength of scholarship, and clarity and grace of presentation. The 2003 recipient of the Blegen Award was **Alice K. Wondrak** for "Wrestling with Horace

Albright: Edmund Rogers, Visitors, and Bears in Yellowstone National Park" published in the Autumn and Winter 2002 issues of *Montana: The Magazine of Western History*. The two-part article clearly documents and articulates the major change in attitude and actions within the National Park System in regards to the "bear problem." It is well researched and engaging.

JOHN M. COLLIER JOURNALISM AWARD

The John M. Collier Journalism Award recognizes a journalist interested and published in forest and conservation history working in newspapers, trade press, general circulation magazines, or other media. The award is made in collaboration with the Institutes for Journalism in Natural Resources (IJNR). The 2003 Collier Award was awarded to **Isak Howell** of the *Roanoke Times*, a 100,000 circular newspaper in the Southern Appalachians of Virginia. Howell has written article on National Forest management, water quality, water use, and gypsy moth control. He has brought a more powerful voice to natural resource news in the region. Howell attended the IJNR's Low Country Institute in South Carolina and visited the Forest History Society headquarters.

CHARLES A. WEYERHAEUSER BOOK AWARD

The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Award for best book in forest and conservation history is now awarded annually. The 2003 award, however, is the last year of a biennial award, covering books published in 2001 and 2002. The 2003 award was given to **Char Miller** for "Gifford Pinchot and the Making of Modern Environmentalism" published by Island Press in 2001. Miller has made an outstanding contribution to scholarship. His work is revisionist to the core, in the sense that it changes what we think about a major figure and ultimately the trajectory of the entire narrative of the beginning of conservation. The divisions between Pinchot and Muir have long been overdrawn, leading to caricatures of both in the historical record. Since the 1970s, Pinchot has been done a major injustice. Rather than retaining his place as a major

historical figure, he has become a foil. As a result, Pinchot appears one-dimensional in most recent scholarship. Miller has returned this important historical figure to his well-earned prominence. In his rendering, Pinchot turns out to be much more interesting than we'd ever imagined.

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. Criteria include overall significance and quality of presentation. The 2003–2004 Fellowship was awarded to **Elaine Lai**, Masters Student in Department of Public Policy and the Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences, studying "The Path of the Panther: Land-use Change Analysis and Reserve Design in Southeastern Mexico." Lai will examine changes in land use practices and patterns in response to different eras of land reform policy in Mexico in order to assess how the current trajectory of land use will affect the establishment of a wildlife corridor in the Yucatan peninsular region.

ALFRED D. BELL, JR. TRAVEL GRANTS

Alfred D. Bell, Jr. travel grants are awarded to enable researchers to use the FHS library and archives. Recent Bell Fellows include:

John McGuire, of the Longleaf Alliance at Auburn University, looked for documentation of the Palace of Fish, Game and Forestry at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair.

Alan MacEachern, professor of history at the University of Western Ontario, searched for evidence of the influence of the Miramichi Fire of 1825 on subsequent development of Canadian fire policy.

Justin Eaddy is a Ph.D. student in history at the University of Southern Mississippi whose dissertation is an environmental history of the Santee River Basin of South Carolina.

Albert Way is a Ph.D. student in history at the University of Georgia who is studying the relationship between forestry and agriculture in the Post World War II South. □