

## 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 to 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 2009.

### LEOPOLD-HIDY AWARD

The Aldo Leopold-Ralph W. Hidy Award honors the best article published in the journal *Environmental History* during the preceding year. The award is presented jointly by the American Society for Environmental History and the Forest History Society, and is judged by the editorial board of the journal. The 2009 recipient is **Nancy Langston** for the essay, "The Retreat from Precaution: Regulating Diethylstilbestrol (DES), Endocrine Disruptors, and Environmental Health," which appeared in the January 2008 issue. Langston argues that endocrine disruptors—industrial pollutants that mimic hormones—have played a key role in increasing the rates of intersexuality, reproductive cancers, and infertility. Focusing on debates in the 1930s and 1940s, she demonstrates how political pressures, scientific uncertainties, and evolving models of gender and health made it all but impossible for the U.S. government to regulate these chemicals effectively. Its focus is on the historical dimension, but it is really the perfect primer for policymakers. Editorial board members praised her prose and high level of argumentation. One noted: "This is a rare example of an interdisciplinary approach that actually works. Its appeal extends beyond the field of environmental history to include the fields of gender history and medical history."

### THEODORE C. BLEGEN AWARD

The Theodore C. Blegen Award recognizes the best article in the field of forest and conservation history that is not published in *Environmental History*. Articles are submitted by editors of scholarly journals and a panel of judges selects the winner

based on contribution to knowledge, strength of scholarship, and clarity and grace of presentation. It is awarded this year to **Sara Dant** for "Making Wilderness Work: Frank Church and the American Wilderness Movement," published in *Pacific Historical Review* Vol. 77, No. 2: 237–272. Dant explores the changing ideas of a man who had a large but little-known role in national legislative battles over wilderness in the early environmental years. With its wide-ranging research into archival and oral history records and its solid grounding in the relevant secondary literature, the article exemplifies the scholarly craft of history. It is also gracefully and compellingly written. Dant offers striking insights into the evolution of conservation politics during the 1860s and 1870s—most notably the successful efforts to protect wilderness areas in the United States.

### 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 2009 Collier Award was awarded to **Michael Jamison**, the Flathead Valley bureau reporter for the *Missoulian* (circulation 30,000) since 1997, and who formerly worked for the Hungry Horse News in Columbia Falls, Montana. Originally from western Pennsylvania, Jamison has a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in journalism, both from the University of Montana. He has attended two IJNR Institutes. Although he is a general-assignment reporter who must gather all kinds of news in a large geographic territory, Jamison has demonstrated a strong, sustained interest in covering forests and their history, ecology, and management. Plum Creek Timber is part of his beat as well as Glacier National Park, the U.S. Forest Service, and Flathead National Forest.

### CHARLES A. WEYERHAEUSER BOOK AWARD

The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Award rewards superior scholarship in forest and conservation history. Awarded biennially prior to 2004, this annual award goes to an author who has exhibited fresh insight into a topic and whose narrative analysis is clear, inventive, and thought-provoking. The 2009 recipient is **Neil Maher** for *Nature's New Deal: The Civilian Conservation Corps and the Roots of the American Environmental Movement* (Oxford University Press, 2008). This thoroughly researched book examines the history of one of Franklin D. Roosevelt's boldest and most successful experiments, the Civilian Conservation Corps, describing it as a turning point both in national politics and in the emergence of modern environmentalism. It is well argued, written with clarity and grace, and offers us valuable insights for understanding the environmental controversies of our time.

### F. K. WEYERHAEUSER FOREST HISTORY 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 fellowship was not awarded during 2009. The current F. K. Weyerhaeuser Fellow is **Kristin Wintersteen**, a Ph.D. student in the Department of History, who is investigating "Fishing for Food and Fodder: The Transnational Environmental History of Fishmeal in Chile and Peru, 1960–1998."

### ALFRED BELL TRAVEL GRANTS

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

**Dr. Ranjan Chakrabarti**, Professor of History at Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India, continued his study of deforestation and wildlife in Bengal and Assam as documented in the John Richards Collection on South and Southeast Asia.

**Dr. Linda Upham-Bornstein**, historian at the Center for Rural Partnerships at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, New Hampshire, used several collections from the FHS archives to better understand the development of the pulp and paper industry in the White Mountain region. She also studied the public mood in New England surrounding passage of the Weeks Act in 1911.

**Dr. Sara Gregg**, historian from Iowa State University, worked on a book that uses the creation of the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia and the Green Mountain National Forest in Vermont to demonstrate the influence of regional and governmental politics in the transition from subsistence landscapes to federally mandated public spaces.

#### OTHER RESEARCH VISITORS

**Angela Cacciarru**, Ph.D. candidate in geography at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is studying the history of common property and land use in her native Sardinia but is also interested in having someone from FHS speak to her class on environmental conservation.

**Emily Wakild**, assistant professor of history at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, looked for images to illustrate an article on the failed international boundary park between the United States and Mexico.

**Jordan Fisher Smith**, an independent scholar and novelist from Nevada City, California, is working on the history of

the concept of wilderness and its impact on wilderness management.

**Don C. Bragg**, Ph.D., a Research Forester at the U.S. Forest Service's Southern Research Station in Monticello, Arkansas, continued his investigations on the history of forestry and ecology of the Arkansas region, with some additional work on parts of central Louisiana.

**Harriet Ritvo**, president of the American Society for Environmental History, visited FHS to become more familiar with the resources and to discuss joint projects between the two societies.

**Tom Wellock**, a history professor at Central Washington University, is working on a book about the spotted owl controversy of the 1980s and used a number of resources in the library and archives to gauge industry reaction to the public outcry against logging in the Pacific Northwest.

**Miguel Mundstock Xavier de Carvalho**, a Ph.D. student in environmental history at the University of Kansas, is doing dissertation research on deforestation in Southern Brazil and American lumber companies that operated in the area.

**Logan Yonavjak**, a researcher from World Resources Institute, looked for maps depicting the extent of American forests at various points in history as part of their project on "Southern Forests for the Future."

**Thad Guldbrandsen**, director of the Center for Rural Partnerships at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, New

Hampshire, visited to discuss possible collaboration with FHS in preparing programs and publications in celebration of the upcoming centennial of the Weeks Act in 2011. The Weeks Act made possible the purchase of land for national forests in the eastern U.S.

**Jerry Williams**, forest history consultant from Oregon, and former U.S. Forest Service historian, dropped off information for addition to the USFS Collection.

**Lincoln Bramwell**, national historian for the U.S. Forest Service in Washington, DC, was introduced to the USFS history collection at FHS and discussed opportunities for continuing and strengthening cooperative projects to document Forest Service history.

**Liz Almlie**, a graduate student in public history at the University of South Carolina, is writing a thesis on the establishment of Congaree National Park and visited to use some documents from the archives.

**Rachel Hildebrandt** is working on a Ph.D. in landscape history at the University of Hanover, Germany. She visited FHS to look for the impact of German notions of landscape on American foresters who visited Germany from 1933 to 1936, including Aldo Leopold.

**Jim Mackovjak**, an independent scholar from Gustavus, Alaska, completed work on his book, *Tongass Timber: A History of Logging and Timber Utilization in Southeast Alaska, 1804–1960*, to be published by FHS in the coming year. □

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