



**NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY
OF AMERICAN FORESTERS**

2020 AWARDS



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Karen Bennett

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest award given by the New England SAF, recognizing professional achievement in forestry, irrespective of age or tenure, by a New England SAF member.

The nomination letter stated that, “Karen has been the glue of for foresters in NH; her “What’s Happening” newsletter has kept foresters across the state up on everything from job announcements, bug outbreaks, and upcoming workshops. This is but one of the outcomes from her position as the Extension Professor and Specialist, Forest Resources, UNH Cooperative Extension, since 1996 until her recent retirement.”

Her educational background includes a 1979 BS in Forestry, *magna cum laude*, from UNH, and a MS in Forestry from UNH in 1992. She has been a NH licensed forester (#4) since 1990 and is a SAF CF since 2002. Her SAF involvement includes the Granite State Division Executive Committee (EC) over the 1987-1990 period, and the NESAF EC from 1995-1997, and being a SAF member since 1984.

In an endorsement, it was stated that, “Karen is online and linked in all of the time, updating web pages, computer lists, logging into bug reports, and keeping foresters in touch with each other through her email newsletter. Yet through all this planning, organizing, committee work, teaching, and leading; she still has been making time for personal chats over lunch or a glass of wine with foresters/friends who have a problem or were just wanting some advice.”

Her professional accomplishments include being the project manager and editor of the “Good Forestry for the Granite State: Recommended Voluntary Forest Management Practices for New Hampshire (2010); service on the NH Forest Advisory Board since 1996; a Board member of NH PLT for the 1996-2005 period; service on the NH Board of Licensure for Professional Foresters for the 1990-1999 period. She was recognized by the Granite State Division in 1992 as their Outstanding Forester, and again in 2011 with the NESAF Integrity in Conservation Award.

In another endorsement, it is noted that, “Karen also works extremely well with the public and forest Industry to promote and maintain several important programs such as BMPs. She has been a constant and active participant in local and regional SAF activities.”

Distinguished Service Award Recipients

1966 – Phillip Coolidge	1967 – George Garratt	1968 – Gerald S. Wheeler
1969 – David M. Smith	1970 – Austin Wilkins	1971 – John Noyes
1972 – Albert Nutting	1973 – Robert Dinneen	1974 – Arthur Heitman
1975 – Herschel Abbott	1976 – Morris Wing	1977 – Theodore Natti
1978 – James Wilkinson	1979 – Ernest Gould	1980 – Max McCormack, Jr.
1981 – Raymond Foulds	1982 – Howard Mason	1983 – Philip Rich
1984 – Michael Sikora	1985 – Gibb Dodge	1986 –
1987 – Clifford Swenson	1988 – Peter Hannah	1989 – Lester A. DeCoster
1990 – Robert B. Fiske	1991 – Fred B. Knight	1992 – Thomas F. Quink
1993 – David M. Smith (1969)	1994 – Robert S. Bond	1995 – John E. Hibbard
1996 – Edgar P. Wyman	1997 – Lloyd C. Irland	1998 – William B. Leak
1999 – Richard F. Watt	2000 – George R. Stephens	2001 – Leo C. Laferriere
2002 –	2003 – Ernest B. Harvey, III	2004 – Jane Difley
2005 – Hans Bergey	2006 – David B. Field	2007 – Robert J. Berti
2008 –	2009 – Robert Lee Edmonds	2010 –
2011 – John A. O’Brien	2012 – George F. Frame	2013 – Joan Nichols
2014 – Kenneth M. Laustsen	2015 – Michael H. Dann	2016 – Philip Bryce
2017 – Everett L. Towle	2018 – Ronald C. Lemin, Jr.	2019 – Si Balch

Kris Hoffmann

James W. Toumey Outstanding Service Award

*The James W. Toumey Award is given for outstanding achievement in service to the New England Society of American Foresters. Toumey was one of the founding fathers of the New England Section in 1920, author of **Seeding and Planting** and **Foundations of Silviculture**, one of the first two regular staff members at the Yale School of Forestry. Henry S. Graves noted in a memoriam “Almost at once he took a prominent place in the forestry movement and throughout his career was in the foremost ranks of the leaders of the profession.”*

In the nomination letter it is noted that Kris’s participation in SAF began in 2009 when she volunteered at the 2009 NESAF Meeting, due to a previous contact with Ken Laustsen at a MESAF exhibit at UME Portland. She has served on all levels with MESAF, from Member-at-Large (2011) to Chair (2016), and in between being the ME state representative to the NESAF EC for 2013-2014. Volunteerism is a strong point with Kris, she served as Facilities Chairs for the 2013 NESAF annual meeting and as General Chair for the 2017 meeting. Like me, Kris has a hard time saying no, but she also has a hard time taking no for an answer. These two traits combine to make her the ideal SAF volunteer. Kris also is involved with the North East Regional Council of Forest Engineering (NERCOFE) in planning and hosting their annual meetings. She has served as a conduit between SAF and NERCOFE, making sure that NERCOFE provides qualified educational CEU’s for SAF foresters.

Since 2007, she has been employed as a Forestland Steward with the Forest Society of Maine; following a MS Forest Management degree from UME in 2007, and a 1995 BS degree from Northland College. In between these degrees she served as a Peace Corp volunteer in the Philippines, a Park Ranger at Acadia National Park, and the Executive Director of the Pemaquid Watershed Association.

In a letter of endorsement, “Having worked with Kris for more than 10 years, I have seen her “can do” attitude day in and day out in all phases of her life, work, and volunteer efforts. She just wants to help out! Taking on the role of General Chair for the 2017 meeting should not be understated - it can be relatively easy to keep hosting a meeting at the same venue each time, but moving to a new venue raises lots of potential pitfalls and Kris showed she was the right person with the right attitude to roll with the punches in order to get the job done in the service of NESAF. Her demeanor is the key to her success.”

In the other endorsement it is noted that, “Her leadership, enthusiasm, and willingness to step up when something needs to be done is outstanding. Kris’s name has come up many times in talking with landowners, Maine Forest Service District Foresters, and organizations involved with conservation easements, as a very enthusiastic and knowledgeable Forestland Steward, explaining what her organization does to help protect and conserve forestland.”

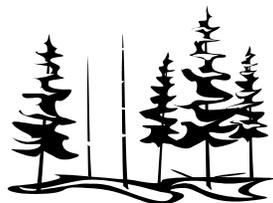
Finally, “In Maine we are fortunate to have Kris to turn to as a volunteer, committee member, forest professional, and friend. Her can-do attitude makes our group as a whole better.”

James W. Toumey Award Recipients

1989 – James Wilkinson, Jr.
1992 –
1995 – Russell S. Reay
1998 – Joseph C. Mawson
2001 –
2004 – Ingeborg V. Seaboyer
2007 – Raymond J. Toolan
2010 – Lawrence Rousseau
2013 –
2016 – Susan Francher
2019 – Tim Fleury

1990 – Fred B. Knight
1993 – David B. Kittredge
1996 – Gary F. Salmon
1999 – Philip Bryce
2002 – Fred Borman III
2005 – Kenneth M. Laustsen
2008 – Ronald C. Lemin, Jr.
2011 – Pete Howland
2014 – Harold Cook
2017 –

1991 – A. Bradford Wyman
1994 – Max McCormack, Jr.
1997 – James B. Cullen
2000 –
2003 – Robert M. Ricard
2006 –
2009 – George F. Frame
2012 – Janice Mulherin
2015 –
2018 – Carol Redelsheimer



Barrie Brusila

Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award

The Austin Cary Award recognizes New England SAF members who have shown exceptional achievement as practicing forest managers. Austin Cary (1865–1936) graduated from Bowdoin College and introduced northern landowners to forest sampling, growth estimation, and simple silvicultural techniques. Cary’s Woodsman’s Manual, written in 1909, continued to be used as a textbook until the 1960’s.

In the nomination letter, “I have known Barrie for over 24 years as a consultant, colleague, educator, friend, and community member in the ME midcoast. In her many roles of forest practitioner, conservationist, advisor, teacher, and parent; Barrie consistently demonstrates unfailing commitment, thoughtfulness, compassion, and leadership that make her highly respected in all her endeavors. As a consulting forester for nearly 30 years, she has effectively served hundreds of landowner clients ranging from individual landowners, farmers, conservation groups, and municipalities with the kind of consistent, long-term forest management that is so challenging to apply to smaller ownerships over time.”

Since 1995, Barrie is a co-partner, along with her husband, in the consulting firm of Mid-Maine Forestry, which has been a Certified Resource Manager, with SCS Global Services to the Forest Stewardship Council since 1998. She has previous employment with Two Trees Forestry, Somerset County Soil and Water Conservation District as a District Forester, a Forest Technician with the Maine Forest Service, a Forester with the Forest Products Marketing and Management Association and Cooperative, Inc. of Dover Foxcroft, ME, and several positions with the USDA Forest Service in 1977-1979. Her educational background includes a 1978 BS in Forest Management from UME, and a 1983 MS degree in Forestry from UME.

A letter of endorsement noted that, “Cary was a pioneer and trailblazer in the forestry field. In her lifetime, Barrie, too, has blazed trails and led the way in shaping our profession. Barrie is a founding member of the Forest Stewards Guild and embodies the principles of this ethically-driven organization, including humility, respect for the entire forest ecosystem, and responsibility to the forest and its future.”

A second endorsement letter noted, “While her career has been extraordinarily successful as a forestry consultant, she has always maintained a balance of service to clients, ethics, and is a warm, thoughtful, dependable person that is a credit to her profession and her family.”

Finally, “She models the best kind of practitioner; one who thinks deeply, acts conscientiously, and then humbly asks; How did that go? How might I improve?”

Austin Cary Award Recipients

1989 – Lynn Levine	1990 – Stephen Orach	1991 – William H. Rivers
1992 – Paul Memmer	1993 – Charles Gadzik	1994 – Don & Nina Huffer
1995 – John McNulty	1996 – Bruce Spencer	1997 – D. Jensen Bissell
1998 – Charles Moreno	1999 – Fred A. Huntress	2000 – Michael Bartlett
2001 – Anne Marie Kittredge	2002 – Joel B. Bronson	2003 – Glenn Freden
2004 – Leland H. Sanders	2005 – Anthony Filauro	2006 – Geoffrey T. Jones
2007 – George F. Ritz	2008 – Si Balch	2009 – Kevin Evans
2010 – John A. O’Brien	2011 – Carol L. Redelsheimer	2012 – Stephen C. Coleman
2013 – Ronald Klemarczyk	2014 – Douglass “Bill” Mahan	2015 – Brooks McCandlish
2016 – Tom Hahn	2017 – Kirby Ellis	2018 – Elizabeth (Betsy) Lesnikoski
2019 -		

Paul Catanzaro

Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award

The Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award is given for outstanding contributions to natural resource science and management through education, extension, or youth service. Gould achieved wide acclaim for his expertise in analyzing and resolving forest resource policy issues while on the faculty of Harvard University. He was a graduate of the University of New Hampshire.

From the nomination letter, “Paul’s contribution to technology transfer has been largely through his role as an Extension Forestry Associate Professor at UMass. In this role, Paul serves as a critical conduit of information for landowners, foresters, and other decision makers in Mass. and the greater region. This has included carrying on David Kittredge’s legacy in leading the Coverts program, called Keystones in MA, establishing the Woods Forum Program to advance peer-to-peer learning opportunities for landowners, and creating and maintaining the MassWoods website and e-newsletter to disseminate education materials and opportunities.”

One endorsement, from Vermont, has this comment, “In short, even though he works in a different state, Paul has benefited me and the foresters of Vermont for a very long time through his stellar work and keen communication talents. While I am aware of Paul’s fine work as Co-Director of the Family Forest Research Center, his work as Director of the MA Keystone Project (training over 200 forest owners and community leaders in sustainable forest management, land protection, and wildlife habitat enhancement), and his role as Advisor for the UMass Student SAF Chapter – which are all powerful programs that make good on the promise of the Gould legacy – it is Paul’s written work that has especially stood out to me from afar, as it has continually enhanced our practice of forestry here in Vermont.

Following a 1996 MS in Forest Resources Management, with a specialization in Silviculture from SUNY ESF, Paul began working in 1997, as a Service Forester for the MA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation. In 2005, he moved to UMass at Amherst as a Forestry Extension Specialist, becoming an Assistant Professor in 2011, and then an Associate Professor in 2015. In 2017 and currently, he is also a Co-Director of Family Forest Research Center. In his biographical sketch, there is a notable list of 14 outreach publications, dating back to 2005, and the recent current favorite, being Catanzaro, P.F. and A.W. D’Amato. 2019. *Forest Carbon*.

“In 15 short years with UMass Extension, Paul has increased our collective understanding of private landowner motivations and behavior. As he works with MA landowners, he field-tests new concepts and shares them with other extension practitioners. His contributions go far beyond the reach of MA,” a comment in the endorsement letter from NH.

Lastly, a MA based endorsement notes, “Paul was an early adopter of the now common mantra, keep forests as forests. He has been implementing the Estate Planning portion of DCR’s Working Forest initiative since 2009. A few of his accomplishments from last year alone include; Development of a new “Protecting Your Legacy” publication, Open Space Committee Statewide Conference, Neighborhood outreach pilot project, seven landowner outreach events, development of an online Legacy Planning Tool, MassWoods.org outreach, and the Keystone 30th reunion.”

Ernest M. Gould Jr. Award Recipients

1989 – Stephen Broderick
1992 – William B. Leak
1995 – Ancyl Thurston
1998 – Phil Auger
2001 – Marc J. Tremblay
2004 – Jeffrey S. Ward
2007 – Mariko Yamasaki
2010 – Susan M. Aygarn
2013 -
2016 – Matthew C. Chagnon
2019 – Laura Kenefic

1990 – Stanley Knowles
1993 – Christopher Murdock
1996 – Virginia Barlow
1999 – David Kittredge, Jr.
2002 – Richard Weyrick
2005 – Phil Auger (1998)
2008 –
2011 – Christopher F. Modisette
2014 -
2017 – Jessica Leahy

1991 – Christina Petersen
1994 – Thomas J. McEvoy
1997 – Donald W. Quigley
2000 – Elizabeth Postlewaite
2003 – Karen P. Bennett
2006 – Michael C. Snyder
2009 – Northam (Nory) Parr
2012 – William H. Livingston
2015 – Mark Twery
2018 – Thomas Worthley



Amanda Mahaffey

Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award

*The Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award is presented to a member of NESAF less than 40 years old who has shown leadership in a program or project benefiting the practice of forestry. Beattie was Vermont Commissioner of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, Deputy Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources, and ultimately became Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Beattie was active in SAF. She co-authored **Working with Your Woodland**; she is remembered for her tireless devotion to conservation, integrity, and quiet courage.*

In the letter of nomination, “Her approach to the field, with her dedication to good management, her energy, and her ability to relate to people and groups are well recognized. She sees ethics as central to professional practice, motivating her to become engaged with the subject, as seen in a session at the 2019 NESAF meeting in Burlington.”

Amanda currently serves as the Deputy Director of the Forest Stewards Guild, which builds on a previous 7-year span as the Guild’s Northeast Region Director, and prior to that work as a field forester and in environmental consulting. Her educational background includes degrees from Yale and the Univ. of Southern ME, and she is a ME licensed forester. She is also known in musical circles as a choral conductor and singer, and she may well be the only Handel Messiah soloist to be deployed on a wildfire assignment in Quebec.

The Northeastern Fire Protection Commission submitted an endorsement, noting “Amanda is a very talented forester who has been working with our Commission for the past 5 years representing the North Atlantic Fires Science Exchange. In her role, she has made great strides in bridging the gap between fire managers and fire scientists. This work included numerous workshops and field trips focused on specific aspects of forestry, to include fire history, fire impacts, forest health situations, regeneration, and environmental consequences. We had the privilege of working with Amanda to host a joint conference titled “Igniting Exchange” in Portland, ME in January, 2018. The conference was filled with outstanding speakers, had 200 attendees from 47 states and Canadian provinces. It was indeed an international conference, due in large part to her ability to network with the forest community.”

In another endorsement letter, “She is a natural leader who has advanced our conversations of ethics in the profession, the recognition of women woodland landowners (Women Owning Woodlands) and foresters, and our appreciation for the challenges and opportunities associated with maintaining fire-dependent ecosystems in the Northeast. I am appreciative of her passion for engaging and supporting forestry students and other young foresters as they navigate the profession. This includes being a critical mentor and role model for forestry students eager to move beyond historic gender barriers in the profession.”

Lastly, “She is equally at home deep in the woods arguing about which tree to mark or facilitating a discussion of adaptation in a room full of natural resource professionals. As a forester, Amanda moves adeptly through the forest, but considers carefully both the future health of the stand and how to make a sale work financially. She is equally contentious in working with her colleagues. Amanda is a clear, strategic thinker with an unwavering ethical compass. When there are difficult decisions, I can count on her to put the forest first and treat people fairly.”

Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award Recipients

1989 – Charles Levesque	1990 – David Kittredge, Jr.	1991 – Charles Niebling
1992 – Anne Marie Loud	1993 – Alan Calfee	1994 – Carrie Tripp
1995 – Carol Redelsheimer	1996 – Robert Ricard	1997 – Patrick D. Hackley
1998 –	1999 – Kevin Evans	2000 – Sara Packer
2001 – Cynthia S. Wood	2002 – Tom O’Shea	2003 – David Irvin
2004 –	2005 – Amanda Farrar	2006 – Laura Kenefic
2007 – Ben Machin	2008 –	2009 – Margaret Machinist
2010 – Jacob W. Metzler & Spencer R. Meyer		2011 – Brad W. Simpkins
2012 – Joseph (J.P.) Barsky	2013 – Jessica Leahy & William Van Doren	
2014 – Andrew Fast	2015 – Kathryn T. Manende	2016 – Wendy Weisiger
2017 – Anthony (Tony) D’Amato	2018 – Eric Hansen	2019 – Kyle Burdick

Laura Kenefic

David M. Smith Award

The David M. Smith award recognizes a New England SAF member engaged in research, teaching, or the field application of silviculture, whose work reflects Dave's advice that "we should observe and analyze the patterns of stand development first, and devise silvicultural treatments to fit or modify them afterwards."

Laura is Principal Silviculturist and Lead Scientist for the USDA Forest Service Penobscot Experimental Forest (PEF) in Bradley, ME. She began her silviculture career with Ralph Nyland, with whom she earned a MS in 1995. She came to UME in 1994 as a USDA Forest Scientist Trainee and worked on her PhD in Silviculture with Bob Seymour, completing the degree in 2000. She also believes that the research must be available so that it affects forest management as indicated by her receiving the NESAF Ernest M. Gould Technology Transfer Award in 2019. Other awards include Inspiring Women Leadership Award (2017) and Early Career Scientist Award (2005) from the USDA Forest Service, and the 2006 NESAF Mollie Beattie Young Leadership Award.

"We have collaborated on countless research endeavors and regularly co-lead field tours for students and professionals on the PEF. From the very beginning, it was obvious that Laura was destined for greatness, and in examining her recent accomplishments, I'm virtually speechless as what an extraordinary record she has compiled, both in depth and breadth of activities and interests. In the face of adversity, she has doggedly kept the discipline of silviculture in the forefront of the Forest Service's research mission in the Northeast and Lake States, by linking its historical traditions and substance with contemporary issues of resilience in the face of ecological change. She is unquestionably one of the top research silviculturists in New England, and among the best in the US. Her devotion to remaining in the northeast as an active research silviculturist is exemplary, "as was conveyed in a letter of endorsement.

Another endorsement letter quotes, "Clearly, her research, teaching, and field application of silviculture reflects David's advice to devise silvicultural treatments consistent with observed patterns of stand development and to share those with people who manage the forests of New England and elsewhere. At the regional and international level, Laura's collaboration with researchers and practitioners in eastern Canada also led to translating findings from research into meaningful guidelines for the managing of northern white cedar and mixedwood stands. Those publications, related conference presentations, and field trips have opened new understanding about the species and associated forest types. Through all these efforts, Laura has earned a reputation as a go-to silviculturist in the Northeast. That reputation reflects how well she has consistently drawn upon her findings and experiences to offer meaningful recommendations for enhancing silvicultural practice and brought that outreach to diverse groups and organizations."

"Since 1994, Laura has been an important part of the Nutting Hall community on the UME campus. As a successful woman silviculturist, she has provided a role model for our undergraduate and graduate students. She has been very accessible to students, providing informal advising, professional mentorship, and research guidance. The School of Forest Resources at the University of Maine is a much better program, thanks to her being a member of our academic community."

David M. Smith Award Recipients

2011 – William B. Leak
2014 -
2017 -

2012 – Bob Frank
2015 – Robert S. Seymour
2018 – Kevin Evans

2013 –
2016 – Mariko Yamasaki
2019 – Mark S. Ashton

Steven K. Pelletier

Integrity in Conservation Award

The Integrity in Conservation Award recognizes an individual or organization working with natural resources who demonstrates adherence to principles and high standards in the face of adversity.

“Over the course of more than 3 decades, Steve has worked with numerous private, industrial, corporate, and regulatory clients, and has well earned his widely-known reputation for bringing together science, best management practices, and unwavering professional integrity to provide science-based solutions that help best conserve our natural resources for the long term, given the constraints and issues at hand,” as stated in the nomination.

Steve is SAF CF, ME licensed forester, Certified Wildlife Biologist, and Professional Wetland Scientist. Currently, he is semi-retired as a Senior Principal and Ecological Discipline Leader at Stantec Consulting. His previous work experience includes 20 years of consulting at Woodlot Alternatives, of which he was the co-founder, 5 years as a ME DEP Environmental Enforcement Specialist, 2 years as a USDA Forest Service Wildlife Biologist in CA, 5 years as a ME IF&W Seasonal Biological Assistant, and 2 years of service in the US Navy. His educational background includes a 1980 BS in Wildlife Management & Forestry from the Univ. of ME, and a 1978 AS in Forest Management Technology, with Distinction from the Univ. of ME.

In an endorsement, this comment was expressed, “as we managed the growth of our company (Woodlot Alternatives). Steve was the moral compass and always the voice for doing the right thing and you can probably sum up his career with that phrase.” He is first and foremost a forester. Given Steve’s integrity, which is universally accepted, he has been asked to work on a wide range of projects by clients from the private sector, state and federal agencies, and nonprofits.

He has worked on both regional and national projects, including: Block Island Wind Farm, RI; Moosehead Region Concept Plan, Greenville, ME; Refugio Beach Oil Spill Response and Damage Assessment, Santa Barbara, CA; Forest Sustainability Study, Maine Forest Service; NH ATV Management Policy and Plan; and Eagle Nest Relocation and Vegetation Management Plan, Oroville, CA.

In another endorsement, “Steve has been a leader regardless of where he has worked, just by being himself. He is always had high standards and insures that those around do as well. Steve has artfully worked with difficult people on numerous occasions, by being honest with them, by engaging in thoughtful conversations, and by using the best information available to guide decision-making.”

Integrity in Conservation Award Recipients

1998–Max McCormack, Jr.	1999–Roger Milliken, Jr.	2000–
2001–	2002–George Darey	2003–Leo C. Laferriere
2004–David Houghton	2005–Edward Griffith	2006– <i>Northern Woodlands</i>
2007–Richard Carbonetti, Peter Condaxis, William Samal, and Jonathan Wood		
2008–Maine Department of Conservation, Baxter State Park Authority, and Trust for Public Land, Maine Office		
2009–John M. Hagan, III	2010–Employees of the White Mountain National Forrest	
2011–Karen P. Bennett	2012–	2013–
2014–Thomas J. Rawinski	2015–Steven H. Swatling	2016 – Jason Stock
2017 – Will Staats	2018 – Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests	
2019 – Robert T. Pershel		