



**NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY
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2021 AWARDS



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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.

John has enjoyed an admirable and enviable record of service to the profession and to SAF since 1988, when he was elected Vice Chair of the Maine Division. His SAF activities range from MESAF, to NESAF, and onto National where he served on several committees and recently stepped off as Immediate Past President in 2020.

This service has not gone unrecognized. He was awarded the 1995 Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award, in 2001 was recognized by the University of Maine, School of Forestry as a “Distinguished Alumni,” elected as a SAF Fellow in 2003, and in 2019 was honored by the Maine Forest Products Council with the Albert D. Nutting Distinguished Service Award.

Following his graduation from the Univ. of ME in 1978, with a B.S. in Forest Management, he began a 40+ year career with Seven Islands Land Co. (SILC), starting as a field forester in 1978, and leaving in 2019 as President and CEO. In that career, an endorsement noted that he promoted good forestry, forest certification, and the benefits of land conservation.

In the nomination letter, “John was instrumental in initiating forest certification in the early 1990s, when SILC decided to go green and had its nearly 1 million acres of Maine forestland certified by Scientific Certification Systems. This provided a boost to the public image of forestry and counter to the push to legislate and regulate harvest practices during the “Maine Clear-cut Wars.”

A past SAF president commented in their endorsement, “I think of John McNulty as a forester’s forester. He has an impressive resume starting as a field forester with SILC and rising through the company ranks to become its president, founding another forestry company (Orion) along the way. Throughout his career he has promoted good forestry, forest certification, and the benefits of permanent land conservation.”

“I also want to say John has always had a consistent attitude regarding forestry – specifically the Acadian forest that he called the “magic forest.” He was completely confident in this forests ability to regenerate, grow productively, and be sustainable for future generations. So long as we paid attention to the forest, listened to the forest, utilized our learnings while managing the forest, and be able to serve distinguishably in the promotion of the forest to others, who would do the same,” was the conclusion from a third endorsement.

John has also served the forest and local communities as well, including the Forest Society of Maine, North Maine Woods, FOR/Maine, and lastly in the town of Dover-Foxcroft on the planning board and as an ice hockey coach at various levels, including varsity.

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
2020 – Karen Bennett		

Lloyd C. Irland

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.”*

The nomination letter noted that the amount of technical and scholarly contributions amassed to an 83-page CV. This includes authoring 11 books and monographs, 19 book chapters, over 30 major reports, and over 40 peer-reviewed publications. The CV does not include scores of other articles in various popular outlets that advance the social conversation about, and appreciation of, forests. It is fair to say that as a writer, Lloyd is unparalleled in our New England region. He has a voracious appetite for hard data and an unparalleled ability to synthesize and make sense of disparate sources of information. Because of his laser-focused devotion to data, he accepted the moniker of “Dr. Doom” within the forest industry.

Lloyd has a 1967 B.S. degree in Forestry from Michigan State Univ., a 1968 M. S. in Watershed Management from the Univ. of Arizona, and a Ph.D. in Forest Economics and Policy from Yale in 1973. He was employed by the Chicago Board of Trade, an Assistant Professor at Yale, Forest Insect Manager with the Maine Forest Service, Director of the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands, and the State Economist for the Maine State Planning Office. In 1987, he founded the well-known forestry, economics, and marketing consulting firm, The Irland Group. He is a licensed ME forester, currently a Golden member of SAF, and has served on several SAF National Task Forces and Committees. He has played a role in the planning, convening, and presentation of NESAF and SAF meetings for the last 35 years.

An endorsement letter stated, “Perhaps Dr. Irland’s most notable service has been in providing clarity on the subject of ethics. He has tackled this exceedingly difficult and transient topic through writings (*2 books*) and discussion. While a majority of foresters feel that they are doing the right thing, Lloyd’s writings and workshops provide a framework of understanding of what the right thing is and how foresters come to recognize it. How many of us have heard Dr. Irland’s Law Number 9 – explaining a particular decision to your second-grader.”

“Ethics is neither flashy nor tech-savvy, but foresters require a grounding in it. It is important for all foresters as they go about their business. A proper understanding of the standards of professional practice is essential because it can keep you out of some serious trouble,” noted another endorsement.

Lloyd has been a stalwart supporter of NESAF, for over thirty years, in one form or another, through his writings, presentations at meetings, and active engagement as an elected officer, committee member, or panel participant.

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 –
2020 – Kris Hoffmann

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



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.

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 -	2020 – Barrie Brusila	

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.

Ernest M. Gould Jr. Award Recipients

1989 – Stephen Broderick	1990 – Stanley Knowles	1991 – Christina Petersen
1992 – William B. Leak	1993 – Christopher Murdock	1994 – Thomas J. McEvoy
1995 – Ancyl Thurston	1996 – Virginia Barlow	1997 – Donald W. Quigley
1998 – Phil Auger	1999 – David Kittredge, Jr.	2000 – Elizabeth Postlewaite
2001 – Marc J. Tremblay	2002 – Richard Weyrick	2003 – Karen P. Bennett
2004 – Jeffrey S. Ward	2005 – Phil Auger (1998)	2006 – Michael C. Snyder
2007 – Mariko Yamasaki	2008 –	2009 – Northam (Nory) Parr
2010 – Susan M. Aygarn	2011 – Christopher F. Modisette	2012 – William H. Livingston
2013 -	2014 -	2015 – Mark Twery
2016 – Matthew C. Chagnon	2017 – Jessica Leahy	2018 – Thomas Worthley
2019 – Laura Kenefic	2020 – Paul Catanzaro	

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.”

David M. Smith Award Recipients

2011 – William B. Leak	2012 – Bob Frank	2013 –
2014 -	2015 – Robert S. Seymour	2016 – Mariko Yamasaki
2017 -	2018 – Kevin Evans	2019 – Mark S. Ashton
2020 – Laura Kenefic		



Nicole S. Rogers

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.*

Nicole is currently the Assistant Professor of Forestry at the Univ. of Maine Fort Kent, where she has been a faculty member since 2018. She received a B.S. degree in Forest Ecosystem Science and Conservation from the univ. of ME in 2010, a M.S. in Sustainable Forest Management, Forest Biometrics and Geomatics from Oregon State Univ. in 2013, and a Ph.D. in Natural Resources and Forest Sciences from the Univ. of VT in 2018. Her professional forestry experience includes serving as a Field Technician at the Holt Research Forest in Maine, a Conservation Assistant for the Coastal Mountains Land Trust, and a Research Data and Records Archive Manager in the School of Forest Resources, Univ. of ME.

At the University level, she has been Search Committee Member and a Graduate Student Representative at UVM, a Journal Reviewer for Forest Science, and an abstract reviewer for the 2016 National Convention. While for SAF she has served a Forest Science Journal Reviewer and a National Convention abstract reviewer. For MESAF, Nicole served as a member at large in 2019, Vice Chair in 2020, and is currently the MESAF Chair. For NESAF, she is the current Silviculture Working Group Chair.

In the nomination letter, it noted Nicole's leadership last year while serving as Vice Chair of MESAF. She led the required review and revision of the Division Bylaws, assisted in the review and revision of the Division Manager contract, interviewed prospective candidates for that position, and served as a moderator for the first-ever MESAF virtual fall meeting.

An endorsement noted, "She serves as a mentor and role model to the next generation of foresters, all the while building her own career." "I would be remiss if I did not mention the high regard that Nicole's forestry peers have for her and the positive effect she has on students, particularly women in forestry. There are, unfortunately, still many fewer women than men in forestry and even fewer women teaching the applied aspects of forestry science to students. She embodies the best of forestry - capable, thoughtful, and inclusive."

"She has inspired forestry faculty to rethink the focus of the forestry program from one that focuses on industrial forestry to one that looks at forestry in a broader context. This is not only important to give the students a more holistic view of forestry but will hopefully help to boost our enrollment. She has worked to increase diversity in the forestry program, especially in regard to gender. She serves as a role model to female forestry students and is recruiting opportunities to recruit women into the program," notes another endorsement letter. "Although she has been at UMFK for less than three years, the faculty and administration recognize her a future leader on this campus.

In summary, Nicole Rogers embodies the spirit of the Mollie Beattie Award. Not only has she embraced forestry as a calling, but she also brings positive energy, insight, and a willingness to make a difference to every project she takes on, and we look forward to her continued contributions to our profession for many years to come.

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
2020 – Amanda Mahaffey		

Ralph Nyland

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.

The nominator noted that Ralph's 1992 paper, *Exploitation and Greed in Eastern Hardwood Forests* (Journal of Forestry, Vol. 90, Issue 1, pages 33-37), and subtitled "Will foresters get another chance?" was provocative and influential to their career. While this paper is foundational to our understanding of the effects of 20th century harvesting practices in many parts of New England, it is only one part of a career-long effort by Ralph to study, document, and communicate negative outcomes of high-grading and to motivate the use of silvicultural practices.

Ralph's educational background includes a B.S. in Forestry (1958) and a M.S. in Silviculture (1959) from the State University College of Forestry at Syracuse, and a Ph.D. in Silviculture and Forest Management from Michigan State University in 1966. For employment, he worked as a forester in the NY Conservation Dept. (1959-1964) and then as a Senior Research Associate at SUNY (1967-1977). He then became a member of the SUNY faculty for a 40-year period (1977-2017), retiring as the Distinguished Service Professor of Silviculture. Ralph is the author of one of the leading silviculture textbooks, that is still in current use, *Silviculture: Concepts and Applications*, Third Edition, 2016. His long-term research, which began in the 1970s, contributes importantly to our understanding of regeneration processes in northern hardwood forests, interfering plants including American Beech, exploitive harvesting practices, rehabilitation of degraded forests, and even and uneven aged silvicultural systems. He is a SAF Fellow and the recipient of the SAF National Barrington Moore Award. He has published more than 150 scientific and technical papers, as well as practitioner reports in regional, national, and international journals. Finally, he has dedicated himself to mentoring students and practicing foresters, with a particular commitment to supporting women in forestry.

An endorsement letter comments, "At a time when we are revisiting conversations of ethics in forestry, it is powerful to reflect on Dr. Nyland's work, which always used the SAF Code of Ethics as a central pillar to the silvicultural research and teaching he conducted. His relentless commitment to upholding a high standard for our profession, particularly in relation to the silviculture we practice, has served as an outstanding model for so many foresters and educators in this region." "He has truly championed the need for sustainable silvicultural practices that run counter to harvesting approaches focused on short-term economic gains. Although this has not been a popular message to deliver, Dr. Nyland's commitment to ensuring our profession upholds its pledge to manage forests for current and future generations has served as a powerful force of change across the region."

"I credit Ralph for really "stirring the pot" with respect to the pervasive problem of exploitive harvesting. Not only did he help sound the alarm on the issue, but in true Ralph fashion contributed to the solution by offering silvicultural strategies for rehabilitating stands. Ralph really "walks the talk" when conducting and transferring applied forestry research. He understands that many practicing field foresters do not regularly keep up with the latest research in peer-reviewed journals, due to reasons of access (beyond JOF), time, and even patience. Whether in the classroom or leading a field tour, Ralph is able to transfer complicated concepts from his research in a user-friendly manner to his forester audiences." "It should be noted that many in academia seem to measure their self-worth based on their impact factor, i.e., h-index. In some disciplines this is appropriate. For Ralph, it's always been about influencing on-the-ground silvicultural practices – particularly as it relates to discouraging diameter limit cutting and high-grading.

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	2020 – Steven K. Pelletier	