



**Past & Future of
Arkansas's &
Oklahoma's Forests**

December 7-8,

2017

***OSAF
Annual
Meeting***

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The Ouachita Society of
American Foresters sets the
standard in forest
management, bringing
science, best practice, and
the best people together to
actively shape the future of
the profession.



Overview

The 2017 annual meeting's theme is ***"Past and Future of Arkansas's and Oklahoma's Forests."*** Thursday's meeting presentations will provide information on how Arkansas and Oklahoma forests have changed through time and styles of forest management. Friday, we will hear about America's first forest and the Asheville Experiment. This meeting is one all foresters should attend. This meeting is sponsored by the Ouachita Society of American Foresters (OSAF) which is comprised of the Arkansas and Oklahoma Divisions.

All natural resource professionals are encouraged to attend. Additional business meetings will be held for OSAF members.

When: Thursday, December 7 – Friday, December 8, 2017.

Location: Holiday Inn & Convention Center, 1500 South 48th Street, Springdale, AR 72762. Take Exit 72 off I49N and on to 412 E to South 48th.

Cost: \$115 for OSAF and non-OSAF members. Includes:

All breaks and OSAF awards banquet/dinner on 12-7 and breakfast on 12-8.

\$75 for students.

After 11/22, cost of registration goes up \$25 for all registrants

Spouses and other guests not attending the Thursday afternoon sessions can take a tour of Crystal Bridges. Hotel shuttle will leave the hotel at 1:30 pm. The tour will last 1½ hours and will provide a history of Crystal Bridges and tour of the fabulous grounds and museum founded by the Walton family. Cost for the shuttle is \$10 per person. Please register if you plan to take the tour.

Meeting Information



A block of rooms is reserved at Holiday Inn (with the following rate options (not including taxes):

\$91.00 Single Occupancy \$91.00 Double Occupancy

These rates are guaranteed through November 8, 2017.

*Please call **1-479-751-8300** and mention group number **FST** and group name **“AR OK Forestry Group”**.*

This meeting qualifies for Category I Continuing Forestry Education credits (amounts pending).

The deadline for early registration is November 22, 2017.



Agenda

Thursday (12/7)

- 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. OSAF Policy and Planning Committee Meeting
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. OSAF Executive Committee Meeting
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration

GENERAL SESSIONS

Session I:

- 1:00 p.m. History of Forest Composition – FIA Forest Survey Data-
Arkansas and Oklahoma
*Dr. James F. Rosson, Jr. Research Forester, USDA Forest
Service, Southern Research Station, Forest Inventory and
Analysis, Knoxville, TN*
- 1:45 p.m. History of Oklahoma's Cross Timbers
*Rodney Will, Ph.D., Professor of Silviculture- Oklahoma State
University*
- 2:30 p.m. Break - Refreshments

Session II:

- 2:45 p.m. Forest Land Ownership Shifts to REITs & TIMOs
*Daniel Crawford-Business Development Associate-
Resource Management Service*
- 3:30 p.m. Managing Stand Density to Channel Site Resources into
High Valued Crop Trees –
*Michael Blazier, Ph.D., Professor – Forestry and Environmental
Science-Hill Farm Research Station, School of Renewable
Natural Resources, Louisiana State University Agriculture Center*
- 4:15p.m. Forestry in Arkansas and Oklahoma in 2100- some real
and imaginary futures!
*James M. Guldin, Ph.D., Station Silviculturist, Southern Research
Station, Hot Spring, AR*
- 5:00 p.m. Silent Auction/Hospitality/Networking
- 6:30 p.m. Banquet

Friday (12/8)

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Program

News from OK and AR State Foresters

Oklahoma Forestry Services – State Forester George Geissler

Arkansas Forestry Commission- State Forester Joe Fox

9:00 a.m. Break- Coffee

Session III:

9:15 a.m. Film Screen and Discussion- “America’s First Forest: Carl Schenck and the Asheville Experiment”

Dr. Steve Anderson, President and CEO, Forest History Society

Session IV:

10:45 a.m. Arkansas and Oklahoma Division Business Meetings

11:15 a.m. OSAF Business Meeting

11:45 a.m. Adjourn

This meeting qualifies for Category I Continuing Forestry Education hours pending



Registration Form

Name: _____

Organization/Company: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone (optional): _____

Address (optional): _____

Registration Fee (please check the appropriate box):

Registration for OSAF and non-OSAF members *(includes OSAF Banquet Thursday night, Friday Breakfast)*

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| Early Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$115 <i>(If received by November 22)</i> |
| Late Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$140 |

Student *(includes OSAF Banquet Thursday night, Friday Breakfast)*

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| Early Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$75 <i>(If received by November 22)</i> |
| Late Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$100 |

Spouse Only *(includes a meal ticket to the OSAF Banquet on Thursday night.)*

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| Early Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$35 <i>(If received by November 22)</i> |
| Late Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$50 |

Crystal Bridges Tour

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| Early Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$10 <i>(If received by November 22)</i> |
| Late Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$15 |
| Drive yourself/Carpool | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Please submit registration form and payment to:

Ouachita SAF
c/o Cory Bostic
Arkansas Forestry Commission
P.O. Box 158
Stamps, AR 71860

Please make checks payable to "Ouachita Society of American Foresters"

Conference Speakers

Take a moment to learn more about this year's speakers for the 2017 OSAF Annual Meeting. These speakers will help us gain insight into the past and future of our forestland in Arkansas and Oklahoma by providing us with information on how styles of forest management have changed over the years.

Steven Anderson, Ph.D., CF, CAE, has been President & CEO for the Forest History Society for 20 years. The FHS is the foremost library and archives and primary contact for inquiries throughout the world. He is an Executive Producer of the award winning film "America's First Forest: Carl Schenck and the Asheville Experiment." Prior to joining the Forest History Society, Dr. Anderson was Professor of Forestry at Oklahoma State University providing leadership to the Extension Forestry, Wildlife, and Aquaculture Program from 1987 to 1997. He earned his Ph.D. in Forest Economics in 1987 from North Carolina State University where he also managed the Field Trial Program for the Forest Nutrition Cooperative; working with industry throughout the southern United States to establish large-scale fertilization experiments. He earned a B.S. degree in Forest Management from Rutgers University in 1977 and a M.S. in Forest Soils in 1979 from the University of Washington. He then worked for the Metlakatla Indian Community and the Tlingit and Haida Central Council in Alaska providing forestry technical assistance for native Indian tribes. He is a Fellow of the Society of American Foresters and has received the National Young Forester Award and the National Technology Transfer & Extension Award. He lives in Hillsborough, NC with his wife Diane.



Michael Blazier is a Professor serving as the forestry research project leader and forestry extension specialist for the LSU AgCenter's Hill Farm Research Station and School of Renewable Natural Resources. Michael earned a B.S.F. in forest management from Louisiana Tech University, an M.S. in forest ecophysiology from Oklahoma State University, and a Ph.D. in forest nutrition from Oklahoma State University. He has been a faculty member of the LSU AgCenter since 2003. His research focuses on soil, physiological, and economic issues of pine and hardwood plantation and agroforest management from planting to harvest.



Daniel Crawford joined Resource Management Service in the fall of 2011 and is currently tasked with servicing prospective investors and raising new capital for future investments with RMS in the timberland asset class. Before assuming his current role, Daniel worked as an International Portfolio Manager, providing direction and support for a multinational account with assets in Brazil, New Zealand, Australia, and China. Daniel has over six years of experience as a silvicultural research forester serving as primary representative for global industry level research cooperatives and making significant advances in the operational implementation of enhanced remote sensing techniques in stand level fertilization prescriptions across a



2.5 million acre portfolio. His career began as a Timberland Appraiser for James W. Sewall Company, completing valuations and due diligence projects across the continental US as well Uruguay, Brazil, and Costa Rica. Daniel is a 2007 graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry, is a Registered Forester in the State of Alabama, and is currently pursuing a designation of Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA). Daniel recently received the *Outstanding Young Forester Award* from the Alabama Division of the Society of American Foresters.

Dr. Jim Guldin is a supervisory research ecologist and Station Silviculturist with the Southern Research Station of the USDA Forest Service, and is stationed in Hot Springs, Arkansas. In June 2017, Guldin was appointed to one of three positions on the Station Research Advisory Board, which supervises the scientific research program for all of the Station's research work units across the South. Prior to that appointment, Guldin served as Project Leader for two of the Station's



silviculture and wildlife research units for nearly two decades. He started his career in the South by serving for 10 years on the faculty at the School of Forest Resources at the University of Arkansas-Monticello. Jim describes himself as “an alleged expert” in even-aged and uneven-aged silvicultural practices for managing native naturally-regenerated southern pine stands. He is active in the Society of American Foresters, hosted the 10th International IUFRO Workshop in Uneven-aged Silviculture in Arkansas in June 2016, and serves on the Editorial Board for the British journal, *Forestry*. Jim also serves on two major regional advisory groups: 1) the Science Advisory Council for the L-A-D Foundation, which manages the

160,000-ac Pioneer Forest in southern Missouri, and 2) the Longleaf Partnership Council (and currently serving as Chair), an advisory group of 33 Federal, State, industry, private landowners, and conservation groups charged with implementation of the 2010 America's Longleaf Pine Restoration Initiative.

Dr. James F. Rosson, Jr. is a

Research Forester with the USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station, Forest Inventory and Analysis in Knoxville, TN.

Jim is a native of Illinois and has worked

his entire Forest Service career with the

Southern Station FIA. He has a Bachelor

and Master's Degrees in forestry from

Southern Illinois University and Ph.D in

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from the

University of Tennessee. Currently he is

the FIA principal analyst for the state of

Arkansas and is interested in the development of ecological metrics

using FIA data. He has published widely on forest inventory data.



Rodney Will is the Professor of

Silviculture for Oklahoma State

University. Rod teaches Silviculture and

Forest Biology at OSU. His research

focuses on the physiology, ecology, and

management of forest stands. He

received his BS from Cornell University,

MS from Virginia Tech, and PhD from

University of Georgia.



History of SAF

The profession of forestry started to take hold in the United States in late 1800s. In 1889, George Vanderbilt hired Gifford Pinchot (*pictured right*), a young forester educated in Europe, to manage the forest at the Biltmore Estate. It was the nation's first professionally managed forest.

In 1891 Congress passed the Forest Reserves Act, which created a reserve of 40 million acres of forestland in the United States. Six years later in 1897, Congress passed the Organic Act, which served as the basis for management of the newly created forest reserves.



At the time, there were fewer than 10 individuals in the nation with any formal forest-management training, and all of them studied in Europe. That changed in 1898, when the Biltmore Forest School and the New York State College of Forestry at Cornell started forestry education programs. Two years later, the Yale School of Forestry began training professionals to manage this vital resource.

Pinchot believed that high standards were essential to bring a level of dignity to this new profession that equaled that of other professions. On November 30, 1900, Pinchot asked seven professional foresters to join him in his office at the Department of Agriculture. The result of that gathering was the formation of SAF.

SAF's objective was "to further the cause of forestry in America by fostering a spirit of comradeship among foresters; by creating opportunities for a free interchange of views upon forestry and

allied subjects; and by disseminating a knowledge of the purpose and achievements of forestry.” Pinchot served as the Society’s first President from 1900 to 1908 and then again from 1910 to 1911.

As the Society grew, so did its programs. A national meeting, held outside Washington, DC, took place on 1914 in Ithaca, New York. The *Journal of Forestry* was published in January 1917 to bring the latest scientific information about forest management to its members. In 1935, SAF began the accreditation of forestry programs, which has expanded to four standards. In 1994, SAF created the Certified Forester program—the national certification program for foresters and other natural resources professionals. In 1995, SAF launched *The Forestry Source* newspaper to bring the latest news about forestry and the Society’s activities directly to members.

Today, SAF is a 12,000-member community that has held true to its original objective to bring forestry and natural resources professionals together and keep them informed about the latest advances in forest science and management.

