Welcome to the SEFS monthly newsletter! This year, we'll be sharing more consistent updates and stories. Please send your news to sefsnews@uw.edu in share in future issues.

Employee Spotlight
Meet Tricia O'Hara, SEFS Grants Coordinator. Tricia manages the McIntire-Stennis grant as part of the grants team. Learn more about Tricia's work and passions in this month's employee spotlight.

SEFS Updates

SEFS remembers College of Forest Resources faculty member, Florence Unglais
We are saddened to share the news that a former, College of Forest Resources faculty member, Florence Unglais, passed away on November 22, 2023, at age 94.

SEFS Professor Emeritus publishes book on plant growth with Oxford University Press
SEFS Professor Emeritus E. David Fort, authored a book entitled “The Dynamics of Plant Growth” with Oxford University Press last month.

SEFS assistant professor Francisca Santana to co-head Louisiana Tribal climate adaptation grant
SEFS assistant professor Francisca Santana is co-PI on a grant from the Gulf Research Program (GRP) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to support Tribal climate adaptation efforts in southeastern Louisiana.

SEFS associate professor studies impact of snow conditions on predatory-prey interactions
SEFS associate professor Laura Pugh is working with UW professor of civil and environmental engineering Jessica Lundquist to measure snow properties that led to a “danger zone,” where prey would shrink but predators would not.

New lidar product of global building height launched, led by SEFS Alumnus Guan Zhang and Professor L. Monica Moskal
SEFS Alumnus Zhang returned as a visiting professor from Nanjing University to work with Moskal on using a space-borne lidar sensor, the Global Ecosystem Dynamics Investigation (GEDI), on the International Space Station to produce global maps of building heights.

UW Botanic Gardens/Redcliffe Forest School was recently featured in a Seattle Times article
An article in Seattle Times highlighted the benefits of outdoor preschool, featuring the Head of Redcliffe Forest School, Maggie Cole.

Washington State Department of Commerce guide: Choose Washington! Features SEFS associate professors
Indigenous Geology and Kent Wheeler were interviewed in an article about Washington’s forest-products industry.

SEFS in the News: December 2023
See all recent mentions of SEFS researchers in the news. Leave news to share? Send your updates to sefsnews@uw.edu.

SEFS Upcoming Events

SEFS Seminar: Forest resilience to fire and interacting disturbances in the northwest US in a period of rapid change
The next SEFS seminar will feature SEFS Associate Professor Brian Henny on January 17, 4:30 pm. Learn more.

Anderson Hall Renovation Open House
The design-build team for the renovation of Anderson Hall will share progress on the design including ideas for site improvements around the building, building upgrades and programmatic improvements on Thursday, January 24, 3-4 pm.

Save the date: Sustaining Our World Lecture 2024
Save the date for this year’s Sustaining Our World Lecture with 2023 MacArthur “Genius” Award winner, SEFS alumna, and University of California, Berkeley, professor Dr. Lucy Muddy on April 17.