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**New book explores unique significance of Pinchot Institute
to American conservationism**

PITTSBURGH—Gifford Pinchot (1865-1946) is widely regarded as one of the architects of American conservation and an adamant steward of natural resources for future generations. This year, the Pinchot Institute for Conservation observes its 50th anniversary—a fitting time for the release of a new book by Char Miller, *Seeking the Greatest Good: The Conservation Legacy of Gifford Pinchot*. The illustrated volume, just published by the University of Pittsburgh Press, is the companion volume to a new PBS documentary by the same name.

Seeking the Greatest Good “offers the first-ever analysis of Pinchot’s legacy, as revealed through the integrated efforts of his family, Grey Towers National Historic Site, the Pinchot Institute for Conservation, and the U.S. Forest Service since 1963,” Miller said. “The intertwining of these stories helps illuminate the evolving nature of American environmentalism.”

President John F. Kennedy dedicated the Pinchot Institute for Conservation Studies on September 24, 1963. It is located at the Grey Towers National Historic Site in Milford, Pennsylvania, on the Delaware River in the northeastern portion of the state.

Miller highlights many of the institute’s important contributions through its first five decades and emphasizes the ongoing support of the Pinchot family. He describes the institute’s unique fusion of policy makers, scientists, politicians, and activists. Readers will come away with a better understanding of issues such as urban and rural forestry, water quality, soil erosion, air pollution, endangered species, land management and planning, and hydraulic fracturing.

According to Miller, the Pinchot Institute has continued to advance its namesake’s ambition to protect ecosystems for future generations and provide vital environmental services in an age of a burgeoning population and a disruptive climate.

W. M. Keck Professor of Environmental Analysis at Pomona College, Miller is director of the Environmental Analysis Program there. He is the author or editor of numerous books, including *Gifford Pinchot and the Making of Modern Environmentalism*; *Public Lands/Public Debates: A Century of Controversy*; *Out of the Woods: Essays in Environmental History*; and *Between Ruin and Restoration: An Environmental History of Israel*.

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