

no 'back of beyond' anymore because we have so many ways of getting there."

Climate-change forecasts tell other grim stories. Bigger, more severe fires across the Southwest will eradicate forests and other habitats, and "if something grows back, it will be from the south, a different eco-region—you burn off the spruce and fir mountain forest and you will get scrub oak or lodge pine, and that changes everything," he says. Species cannot adjust fast enough, and will be "out of luck."

When native grasses are gone amid much hotter weather within the next 20 to 30 years, he says, "ranchers are going to get hammered because no one will want to buy their grazing permits. By pretending they are protecting them, the Congress is instead setting them up for a big fall."

In the past, the GCT and willing ranchers negotiated market-rate prices for their permits and those lands were closed to cattle, but that ended during the first Bush administration, Hedden says, under pressure from the grazing associations.

Along with disappearing habitats—for animals *and* humans—there will be "a monumental dearth of water. Even now, rain is erratic," Hedden warns: the 1922 Colorado River Compact, in which seven basin states agreed to jointly allocate that water supply, overestimated available volumes, and "when the agreement falls apart, it will be the mother lawsuit to end all lawsuits. An interesting mess."

In January, Hedden begins turning over the executive director role to a longtime colleague, in order to return to working on specific GCT projects—and try to finish a book he's writing about fishing, something he finds restorative, especially during the summer weeks spent alone in the Canadian wilderness "to gain some perspective."

At home, in Castle Valley, he and Bliss still live where they settled in 1976. Their children are grown. The fruit trees they planted have become orchards, and the Fremont cottonwoods now stand 10 feet in diameter. The range of 2,000-foot-high Wingate sandstone cliffs still runs across horizon, and to the south and east the craggy La Sal Mountains still loom like a surreal postcard.

Standing outside his house, or hiking in Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante, or the back reaches of Arches National Park, Hedden feels "an access to some higher dimension of the spirit," he says, "It's so old and quiet. But you have to slow down and just be

here." Southern Utah holds only a fraction of "our 640-million-acre common inheritance": the public lands spread across a third of the continental United States. Most of it is astoundingly beautiful, and deeply connected to

## Awards for Exceptional Service

SIX ALUMNI were recognized with HAA Awards for outstanding service to the University during the HAA board of directors' fall meeting.



**Leila T. Fawaz**

Lelia T. Fawaz, Ph.D. '79, of Cambridge, was a member of the Board of Overseers from 2006 to 2012, where she served on its executive committee, chaired the social-sciences committee, and was elected president for the 2011-2012 term. Appointed an Overseer member of the HAA board of directors' committee to nominate Overseers and elected directors from 2009 to 2016, she ultimately served as committee chair. In 2014, Fawaz received the Harvard Arab Alumni Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Catherine A. "Kate" Gellert '93, of New York City, has co-chaired the Harvard and Radcliffe College Class of 1993 reunion-campaign committees since her fifth reunion, led the Harvard College Fund as co-chair from 2006 to 2009, and was president of the HAA for the 2013-2014 term. A current member of the Dean's Advisory Council at the Radcliffe Institute, she is also a trustee of the American Repertory Theater and an active member of the Harvard Club of New York City.



**Catherine A. Gellert**



**Timothy P. McCarthy**

Timothy P. McCarthy '93, of Cambridge, has held numerous positions on the HAA board of directors, including secretary and vice president for College alumni affairs from 2010 to 2013. As class secretary, he has served on each of his class's reunion-program committees, and as president of the Association of Harvard College Class Secretaries and Treasurers from 2009 to 2011. He has also contributed

America's practical wealth and historic sense of "New World" identity. "These are our gathering grounds," he adds, "where we can come together to experience something much bigger than watching television." 

to other projects associated with the Harvard Gender and Sexuality Caucus and the Phillips Brooks House Association.

Carlos A. Mendoza '88, M.P.P. '90, of Panama City, Panama, established and became founding president of the Harvard Club of Panama in 2006, and served as a director and treasurer until last year. At his urging, the HAA began holding Latin American regional meetings to develop clubs and foster Harvard communities in the region. On the HAA board of directors, he has served as both a director for Latin America and as a committee member; in 2011, he received the HAA clubs and SIGs committee's Outstanding Contribution Award.



**Carlos A. Mendoza**

Grace C. Scheibner, A.L.B. '90, originally from New York and a former resident of Mexico and India, began at Harvard as an administrator at the program committee for the International Conferences on AIDS and STD World Congress. In 1992, she became Harvard's first Commencement director, in charge of the planning, execution, and management of the Morning Exercises. She retired last year. From 2006 to 2010, she also served as president of the Harvard Extension School Alumni Association.



**Grace C. Scheibner**

Kenneth G. Standard '58, LL.B. '62, has long been active in the Harvard Club of New York City. As president from 1999 to 2002, he led the planning, financing, and building of an eight-story addition, and as chair of the club's athletics committee in the 1970s, he appointed its first female members. He is also a former director of the club's foundation and a longtime alumni interviewer for the College admissions office, and has served on his College class's reunion-campaign committees.



**Kenneth G. Standard**