In the fall of 1998, a group of producers, videographers and scholars decided to form a nonprofit organization dedicated to the creation of public media about science, history and culture. Twenty years later, Voyageur’s production team has developed dozens of documentaries, books, websites and educational resources by working in close collaboration with academic institutions, museums, scholars, artists and musicians. We inspire curiosity by delivering engaging media to millions of viewers. Read about our journey in this special edition of our newsletter.

**A Force for Nature: Lucy Braun**

Emily Lucy Braun exemplified the power one dedicated person could have on making change. One of the foremost ecologists in American history, Lucy Braun was a scientific pioneer who broke gender barriers and helped to preserve dozens of natural sites throughout Ohio and Kentucky. Meg Hanrahan Media and Voyageur are proud to bring her remarkable story to life in the documentary, *A Force for Nature: Lucy Braun*. This one-hour documentary, which was written, produced and directed by Meg Hanrahan, has earned critical acclaim and strong viewership from screenings at academic conferences and broadcasts on regional public television stations.

Emma Lucy Braun (1889 - 1971) is recognized as a trailblazer among women of science for her pioneering work in ecology, her numerous contributions to botany, and her lifelong dedication to preservation. In 1950, she published *Deciduous Forests of Eastern North America*, a landmark book that documented forest communities from Florida to Canada. She and her sister, Annette Braun (1884 - 1978), who supported Lucy in her fieldwork, traveled 65,000 miles acquiring data for the book. Photo: Lucy Braun (right) fords a stream during field research at Beechwood Camp, Hueston Woods, Ohio in 1910. Courtesy, Willard Sherman Turrell Herbarium, Miami University.

The documentary also features a companion website and educational materials created with staff from the Edge of Appalachia Preserve System. “It’s a collaborative effort among numerous scholars, production professionals, archives and institutions,” says Meg Hanrahan. Thanks to a grant from The Anness Family Charitable Fund, the production team and staff from the Cincinnati History Library and Archives (Cincinnati Museum Center) and the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, were able to combine their resources to digitally preserve over 1,700 photographs in the Annette and Lucy Braun Photographic Collection. Photo: (l-r) Meg Hanrahan, Tom Law, Jim DaMico and Scott Gampfer, consult on the Braun Photograph Preservation Project, January 2017.

*A Force for Nature: Lucy Braun* will be distributed to national public television stations in 2019. The documentary has already had a tremendous impact on regional audiences, according to Meg Hanrahan, adding, “Our hope is that Lucy Braun’s story inspires future generations to study and save our natural heritage.”

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Voyageur has partnered with some of the region’s top scholars and academic institutions to create media projects distributed via state and national public television networks, schools, professional associations and international websites. We can’t wait to see what the next twenty years has in store.

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**Mission**
The creation of public media about science, history and culture.

Voyageur’s board of trustees provide direction and supervision to our media projects, which are produced with the generous support of public agencies, private foundations and individual donors. This support includes a tremendous amount of in-kind service from our production team, scholars, artists, musicians, archivists and institutions who make these projects possible.

### 2010:
**KA&H Series, “Historic Archaeology: Beneath Kentucky’s Fields and Streets”**
The latest research about historic archaeology in Kentucky from the first Euro-Americans to the industrial age. Distribution: KET, The Archaeology Channel.

### 2014:
**KA&H Series, “Davis Bottom: Rare History, Valuable Lives”**
A comprehensive project preserving the history of a working-class community in Lexington, KY. Distribution: KET, The Archaeology Channel. Public education award, Society for American Archaeology.

### 2015:
**Community Videos, “Kathy Y. Wilson”**
A profile about Kathy Y. Wilson, the first writer-in-residence for the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Distribution: web and library programs.

### 2016:
**Making Archaeology Public Project**
The National, Kentucky and New Mexico videos for this project celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act (co-produced with Algonquin Consultants). Distribution: Preservation 50 website.

**Lynch, Kentucky Oral History Project**
An oral history project produced for The Kentucky Archaeological Survey about life in one of America’s largest coal camps. Distribution: University of Kentucky, Oral History Center.

### 2017:
**Community Videos, “Sanctuary”**
A video about Kathy Wilson’s eclectic apartment produced as part of an award-winning exhibit at the Weston Art Gallery.

### 2018:
**A Force for Nature: Lucy Braun**
A one-hour documentary about the life and legacies of one of America’s most important ecologists - E. Lucy Braun. Co-produced with Meg Hanrahan Media. Distribution: regional and national public television.

### 2019:
**KA&H Series, “Creelsboro and the Cumberland: A Living History”**
A documentary about the history of a small rural community along the Cumberland River in southern Kentucky. In production.
Thanks to our supporters…

Voyageur is proud to deliver quality, educational programs to tens of millions of viewers, teachers and students over the past twenty years. None of this would be possible without the support of the patrons, scholars and institutions that help us bring these incredible stories to life. Thank you!

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