Yesterday the Environmental Studies class of 2017 gathered in the Anna Todd Wofford room to present their capstone projects. A gaggle of other environmental studies students, alums, and parents assembled to take in the seniors' posters, and to listen to talks by Liam Maley, Madison Jones, and Garrett Heath. On the way in, they were greeted by Matt Aurednik’s tiny house (see picture above). The projects were diverse and dynamic, from solar power to green horsekeeping to Glendale mycology to sustainable athletics. It’s fair to say that everyone did great work.

It all made me very proud. Many of these seniors were in the first class I ever taught at Wofford, Environmental Studies 101 in Fall 2014, and I have, of course, taught all of them over the years between then and now (including a capstone class last fall). It has been wonderful to see them develop as scholars and as people, and to see the culmination of their work here. They will all be missed as they head out into the world, but we are all happy and confident that they will do great things.
Upcoming Events and Opportunities

*These count toward your two required extracurricular events for the semester.

Earth Day with Wofford Outdoor Club: Come celebrate Earth Day! There will be a climbing wall, slacklining, food trucks, music, skills stations, and kayaking in the fountain. It's Your World: Protect It!

Spartanburg March for Science: Starts at Bethel United Methodist Church (245 S. Church St - parking in Henry St. lot). The march will follow sidewalks on Henry Street to the Spartanburg Earth Day Festival at the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Spartanburg Earth Day Festival and Spartanburg Soaring: The Unitarian Universalist Church and Chapman Cultural Center will host these two events on Earth Day 2017. The Earth Day Festival will have vendors, informative booths, music, and family-friendly activities (210 Henry Place). A walkable scavenger hunt will connect this event with the Chapman Cultural Center’s International Kite Festival happening blocks away.

Discover Your Watershed at Lyman Lake Lodge: Paddle, play, and learn about the Tyger River Watershed. This family event is designed to raise awareness about the importance of safeguarding our water resources for future generations. Register and receive a free lunch: http://www.uscupstate.edu/academics/arts_sciences/wec/Default.aspx?id=47067

Southern Icons: A to Z*: Rob McDonald, VMI associate dean, professor of English, and genius photographer will be here for a presentation on his work organizing and curating “Southern Icons: A to Z.”

Memorial Exhibition for MacGregor Ruffin: An exhibit of MacGregor and friends artwork will run May 1st-21st. Please join us for this reception and talk to celebrate MacGregor’s life. Contact Youmi Efurd efurdyk@wofford.edu if you would like to contribute any artwork (deadline is April 27).

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:
Vermont Law School – Environmental Law Center

The Environmental Law Center (ELC) at Vermont Law School boosts that it offers more environmental and energy law courses than any other U.S. law school. It is ranked #1 in environmental law by the 2017 edition of U.S. News & World Report’s Best Grad Schools.

ELC offers several masters degrees including a Master of Environmental Law and Policy (MELP), Master of Energy Regulation and Law (MERL), Master of Food and Agriculture Law and Policy (MFALP). Each of these can be pursued jointly with a JD degree. Post-JD students have the opportunity to pursue a Masters of Law (LLM) in Energy Law, Environmental Law, American Legal Studies, or Food and Agriculture Law. Dual degrees are also offered through institutions such as Yale, Cambridge, and the University of Vermont.

For more information, go to their website. http://www.vermontlaw.edu/academics/degrees