

The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



Artwork created in nature at Glendale Shoals by students in Professors Zides and Brown's "Learning to Live in the Moment" interim class



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California Adventures by Dr. Peter Brewitt

I knew it would be a good interim when I woke up to a sleet-covered morning. The intramural fields were covered with white mush, and the sun looked like it needed its batteries changed. And yet, as the students emerged from their frozen tents, they were in good spirits and happily set about packing up camp. As we tromped away, Dr. Savage and I felt warm – we would be glad to take these 14 students to California.

The California interim featured every kind of rugged adventure you could hope for – weather, mountains, wildlife, and questionable goat cheese. We saw gaping scenery from Big Sur to Yosemite National Park, followed deer trails through snow up to our stomachs, sought gold in the Sierra Foothills, and escaped from

Alcatraz. Through it all, the students bonded, cooking together at night, sharing tales of their escapades around campfires, supporting each other as we ascended rocky mountains, and singing along to our You-So-Mighty playlist in the van. While Environmental Studies was well represented on the trip, we had a wide variety of majors and all class years on the trip. The bond we formed will last longer than California itself, and when Point Reyes has finally ridden away along the San Andreas Fault, the glory of this interim will still endure.



Above: Pictures of a snowy Yosemite National Park taken by Dr. Savage. Right: Group photo from California interim.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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

Open until position is filled

Atlas Organics Internship: This unpaid internship position would primarily involve monitoring, assisting, and educating with a schoolwide lunch composting and recycling program at Wade Hampton High in Greenville. At least 10 hours per month, maximum of 40 hours per month, intern is needed during lunch hours only (*noon-2 PM*) Monday-Friday (*1-2 shifts per week minimum*). Contact Leslie Rodgers with Atlas Organics, leslie.rodgers@atlasorganics.net

**February 24th
7:00pm-9:00pm**

Southeastern Friends of the Pleistocene*: Lecture in Olin 101 – “*Revisiting the forgotten 1930s and early 1940s Piedmont research of the Soil Conservation Service: landscape erosion, legacy sediments and deeply buried organic deposits.*” In the 1930s and early 1940s Spartanburg County was the focus of intensive landscape research by the US Soil Conservation Service. Much of this research has been almost completely forgotten, but is as relevant today as it was then, and provides a unique opportunity to revisit and discuss field localities 75 to 80 years after they were first investigated.

March 1st

Application Deadline - Biosphere 2 Summer Program: The University of Arizona will hold a 10-week research experience for undergraduates (June 5-August 11, 2017) in environmental and Earth system sciences. Stipend, lodging, food allowance, and travel to/from Tucson, AZ provided for participants. For more information and how to apply visit: <http://biosphere2.org/education/research-experiences-for-undergraduates>. You can also ask Carol Morel about her experience there last summer.

**March 15th
7:00pm**

Christian Hunt – “Red Wolf Revival” Film*: Join us in Olin 101 for this film about the Red Wolf recovery program in NC. A discussion will follow led by Christian Hunt from Defenders of Wildlife.

Ongoing

Middlebury School of the Environment Summer Session 2017: Six-week summer environmental studies program in Vermont (June 23-August 4) with undergraduate credits for 3-full courses. Applications accepted on a rolling basis until the program is full. Need based financial aid is available. Visit <http://www.middlebury.edu/environment/about> for more information.

Ongoing

The Grassroots Jobsource at Orion Magazine connects the green leaders of tomorrow with good work today. Visit <http://jobs.orionmagazine.org/> for job postings.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Duke University – Nicholas School of the Environment

In 1991, The School of Environment, later renamed Nicholas School of the Environment, brought together the three divisions of The School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the University’s Marine Laboratory.

Students interested in a Master of Environmental Management (MEM) can choose from eight specialized concentrations to focus their studies. A Master of Forestry is offered for students interested in sustainable management of forested ecosystems. Either of these two on-campus programs can be

combined concurrently with a master’s in business, law, public policy, engineering or education. And both are two-year programs.

Students can also pursue a Master of Environmental Policy, which studies international environmental policy at Duke Kunshan University in China.

Visit Duke’s Nicholas School of the Environment for more information:

<https://nicholas.duke.edu/programs/masters>