

The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

A beautiful view at Cradle Mountain in Tasmania, taken on a hike by ENVS senior Natalie Lassiter. Lassiter spent last semester in Australia for a study abroad program.



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Dr. Telligman's ENVS150 class spent the first day of lab in Glendale Shoals.

Study Abroad in Australia by Natalie Lassiter

Last semester I spent four months in Australia, mostly in the state of New South Wales. My study abroad program's focus was on Sustainability and Environmental Action. There were nineteen other students from all over the United States, coming from various universities, backgrounds, and majors. All twenty of us were completely different people, yet were tied together by our passion for protecting and taking care of the earth.

Some highlights of my time abroad were when we visited Tasmania, one of the most gorgeous places I have ever

explored. When in Tasmania, we learned all about the logging industry, and how environmentalists go to great ends to protect the forests from excess cutting. We were guided around the forests of Tasmania by Miranda Gibson, a woman who lived in a tree in one of the forests in Tasmania for two years because she was so dedicated to preventing logging.

Another highlight was interning on the biodynamic farm for five weeks at the Shearwater Steiner School in Mullumbimby, New South Wales, for part of my final project. The school follows Rudolf Steiner's philosophies, so it places an emphasis on art, creativity, and spirituality. During my internship, I helped out on the organic farm that was on the school's property, and I also helped teach environmental classes at the school to high school aged students.

Lassiter and friends spent time in Tasmania learning about sustainability and the environment.



Welcome Back to School!



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

September 12th
7:00pm
Hub City Bookshop

Anthropocene Blues Book Launch: Join Professor Lane for the launch of his newest book of poetry along with Catherine Woodard, author of *Opening the Mouth of the Dead*. Both will be reading and signing their books. For more information:

<https://hubcity.org/events/2017/reading-and-signing-with-john-lane-and-catherine-woodard>

September 16th
9:00am-10:00am
Tyger-10 Park

Tyger River Sweep Power Hour: Volunteers Wanted! Join us for a Power Hour cleanup. Spend one hour of your Saturday picking up litter to help make the Tyger-10 Park beautiful. Location: 3100 Walnut Grove Rd, Roebuck, 29376. Register for this event: jswanson@spartanburgcounty.org or 864-949-1658.

September 16th
8:45am-noon
Cottonwood Trail

Cottonwood Trail Stream Sweep: Join SPACE for this “stream sweep” along the Lawson’s Fork and Cottonwood Trail. Wear old shoes/boots/clothes that can get dirty. Register for this free event: <https://2017cottonwoodsweep.eventbrite.com>. Parking available at the Spartan High tennis courts on Sydnor Drive.

September 21st
7:15am & 8:15am
Trolley Station at the
Rail Trail

Bike to Work Event: Begin your day by biking to work! Meet at the Rail Trail Trolley Station on Forest Avenue between Union & Pine. Groups leaving at 7:15am with Peter Brewitt and 8:15am with Kimberly Hall. Coffee and doughs will be available on campus. This event is sponsored by the Wofford Sustainability Committee.

September 21st
5:00pm
Richardson Center for
the Arts and downtown

Bike to ArtWalk: Later that afternoon, tour the galleries in the Rosalind S. Richardson Center for the Arts during ArtWalk, then plan to bike downtown for the rest of the ArtWalk tour. The group will meet behind RSRCA after Peter Schmuck’s 5:30pm lecture. Maps will be provided for *Bike to Work* and *Bike to ArtWalk*. The group will gather at RJ Rockers at 8:00pm for Art on Tap. Join the Wofford Sustainability Committee for these two fun events.

Week of September 18th

Bike Around Volunteers Needed: See Dr. Telligman or Dr. Brewitt if you are interested in helping with the above events. Volunteers will distribute marketing materials before the day of the events and man tables/give directions during the events.

September 28th
5:00pm-8:00pm
GOLS

Glendale Outdoor Leadership School Open House: GOLS is under new ownership. Come meet the staff and tour the grounds! 270 *Wheeling Circle*, Glendale, SC 29346.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Clemson University –Environmental Engineering & Earth Sciences

Clemson’s graduate program in Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences (EEES) offers three programs in Environmental Engineering & Science, Biosystems Engineering, and Hydrogeology.

All three programs offer a MS degree. A MEng degree is also offered in Environmental Engineering & Science, and a PhD degree can be earned in Environmental Engineering & Science, or Biosystems Engineering.

The school’s website states, “We recognize that today’s students need to balance a scientific understanding of natural systems and processes with

the ability to realistically evaluate and design for the role of people in these systems. Clemson meets this challenge by offering students the opportunity to integrate scientific and engineering perspectives through our diverse range of MS, MEng, and PhD programs.”

The program is consistently ranked in the top 25 by *US News and World Report* and today has more than 1000 graduates in the US and around the world. Visit <http://www.clemson.edu/ces/ees/> for more information.