

The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

2019-2020 ENVS

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Chair's message: *Welcome back! Change is Afoot!* by Dr. Savage

For the Environmental Studies department, the coming year is one of great excitement and anticipation, touched with a bit of sadness and a lot of nostalgia. As those on campus have observed, our beleaguered-yet-beloved Black Science Annex building was reduced in August to splinters and bricks. Now, the site is being graded in preparation for construction of a brand-new building in which our department will make history.

It will be the first building at Wofford to sport solar panels and a greywater system, along with other environmental features that will earn it a "Green Globe" certification! The building will be significantly larger than BSA, with three laboratory spaces (including a food systems laboratory!), a computer classroom, two studio classrooms that can be opened into one for events, and a seminar room overlooking the lawn between Milliken Science and the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts. The outdoor space provides for a teaching garden next to the greenhouse.

But it's not just our physical environment that will change. This is the last year on the ENVS faculty for both Professor Lane and Dr. Ferguson, the

founders of our department and source of our vision. Watch for an announcement of a grand sendoff this spring!

We already have one of our two new faculty members ready to come on board – Dr. Jen Bradham from Vanderbilt University, who will begin in February with a focus on environmental science. We're delighted to have Dr. Cassie May with us for the fall semester, teaching ENVS 150. A search for a second faculty member, in Environmental Humanities, is underway – stay tuned! Current students, we will need your participation later this semester when we bring candidates to campus.

While we are temporarily displaced from a "home building," our offices are located at 121 College Street, across Church Street from the main entrance to campus. Come and find us on the second floor (swipe your campus ID to enter during business hours).

We remain grounded by our continuing attachment to the Goodall Center for Environmental Studies at Glendale, where we continue to develop new research avenues and opportunities for long-term environmental reflection.

Best wishes for a wonderful semester and year!



*Goodbye, Black Science Annex.
You've served us well!*

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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

September 12th
7:30pm
Downtown Spartanburg,
Wall Street near Morgan
Square

Movie Screening – ARTIFISHAL*: A film about people, rivers, and the fight for the future of wild fish and the environment that supports them. It explores wild salmon's slide toward extinction, threats posed by fish hatcheries and fish farms, and our continued loss of faith in nature. [Watch the trailer](#) Dr. Brewitt will speak before the screening begins.

September 17th
4:00-5:30pm
121 College Street

Thirsty Thursday (on a Tuesday) at College Street Building: OMC and ENVIS welcome the fall semester with an open house at the new College Street offices. There will be a brief recognition at 5:00pm for Bill Barnet and others who helped make this location possible for the college.

September 17th – 19th
7:00-8:30pm
McMillan Theater

Imagine Science Film Festival*: 10-short films explore the theme of transhumanism. Panel discussions to follow. In addition to the three evening screenings there will be an afternoon screening on Wednesday the 18th, 3:30-5:00pm.

September 20th – 21st
8:00am-3:00pm
199 Gowan Road,
Spartanburg, 29306

Community Clean-Up Event hosted by Recycle Spartanburg: Bring out your junk; appliances, metal, tires, furniture and mattresses, brush and limbs, and even decent quality things for Goodwill in an amazing partnership to help your trash become someone else's treasure! Free for Spartanburg County residents. No business waste, no liquids, paints, hazardous materials, and no household garbage.

September 25th
Application Deadline

Urban Farmers Needed: The Wofford Sustainability Committee seeks to hire two student farmers to grow food at the Hub City Farmers' Market Urban Farm. They will be under the direct supervision of Farmer Meg Whiteley and will also work under Dr. Amy Telligman. See the job description and application process attached to this email.

October 3rd
Late afternoon-evening
Glendale Shoals

Spartanburg Area Conservancy (SPACE) to host annual Shucking Good Time*: Volunteers are needed before, during, and after this event that is a big fundraiser for SPACE.

Ongoing

Job Opportunities in Conservation and Restoration: [The Great Basin Institute](#) is a nonprofit organization that specializes in conservation and restoration all throughout the West. They are currently hiring for over 60 paid positions ranging from ecological monitoring, wildlife monitoring, trail maintenance, range land management, and fuels reduction.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

University of Georgia – Master of Public Health

UGA's College of Public Health offers a Master of Public Health with concentrations in disaster management, gerontology, environmental health science, epidemiology & biostatistics, health policy & management, and health promotion & behavior.

This 2-year program is designed for health professionals who wish to expand their skills, knowledge, and expertise, and for students who wish to build a career in public health. There are also several dual-degree programs and certificate

programs. Students learn service and leadership in public health through coursework and field experiences.

All students complete a 300-hour internship in a public health-related organization and must pass a culminating experience to graduate.

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