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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

Dr. Brewitt is ready for his first day on campus!



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Dr. Savage enjoyed a week-long workshop about building with natural materials – sand, clay, straw, and bamboo.



Professor Lane and friend boating in Croatia this summer.

Dr. Brewitt introduces himself

I grew up in a monstrous city, brown air and black water and traffic rumble and always, everywhere, construction sites as urban consumed rural and turned rice paddies into strip malls. That was Bangkok, Thailand in the eighties. I was not unhappy; all my friends lived there too, and it seemed like normal life.

But I'm American, and every year we would return to the woods of New Hampshire. There I began to find forests returning after centuries of logging, and moose picking their awkward ways through long-abandoned cellar holes. Nature, I found, could be restored.

I stayed with the New Hampshire woods for college. At Dartmouth I completed a history major and a hiking minor, reading Edward Abbey and John McPhee along the way. I emerged certain that restoration was the future, and that teaching people about the environment was my part. After some years as a naturalist in

Yosemite National Park, I went to graduate school to understand the way people decide to do ecological restoration. In six years as a Banana Slug at UC Santa Cruz, I wrote my dissertation on the politics of dam removal. I picked dam removal partly because it's a concrete, explosive example of restoration, but along the way I found that in fact, restoration opportunities are everywhere. Here at Wofford, I'm looking forward to working with biodiverse and ever-changing Carolina landscapes and students.

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Peter Brewitt to the faculty as Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, with a focus on the social sciences!

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- September 13th** *Pacolet & Lawson's Fork Blueway:* Come out and paddle with GOLS in Glendale! 8:00am, \$10/person. SUP, intro to kayaking, roll clinics, kayak fishing demos, and guided paddle trips. Register online: www.setgols.org/plfb.html
- September 19th & 20th** *Student Volunteers Needed:* A community clean up day is scheduled in Pacolet and volunteers are needed to assist with administering surveys and some traffic control. Shifts are 8:00am-12:30pm and 12:30-5:00pm each day; lunch provided. If interested, contact Jes Sdao at jsdao@spartanburgcounty.org
- September 20th** *Spartanburg Water Lake Sweep 2014:* 8:00am-noon, registration and breakfast 7:30-7:45am at Lake Bowen Warden's office with buses leaving at 8:00am. Lunch and t-shirt provided. Teams of 5 people will be assigned to collect trash – remember to wear long pants, long sleeves, and closed toed shoes. Pre-register your team: www.spartanburgwater.org
- September 20th** *Pacolet River Sweep:* Join us at Hurricane Point (929 River Street, Spartanburg, 29307) 9:00am-12:30pm. We will be cleaning the Pacolet River from Converse area to Clifton as well as Clifton Beach on Goldmine Road. For more info, visit www.spartanburgconservation.org
- September 27th** *Drum Circle:* Glendale Shoals Amphitheater, 7:00-9:00pm. All are welcome!
- October 9th-10th** *Thinking Like A River Symposium:* We will welcome three speakers, John Cronin, Senior Fellow for Environmental Affairs, Pace University; Scott McMillin, Professor of English at Oberlin College; and Leslie King, director of the Rivers Institute at University of Dayton. A panel discussion is planned for *October 9, 2:30-5:30pm in Anna Todd*. John Cronin will speak on *October 9 at 7:00pm in McMillan Auditorium*. Scott McMillin will speak on *October 10 at 3:00pm in Gray-Jones Room* and Leslie King's talk will follow at *6:30pm in Gray-Jones*.

Visit our [Thinking Like A River](http://www.thinkinglikeariver.com) website!

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PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

University of California – Santa Cruz – Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

The University of California at Santa Cruz (UC Santa Cruz) offers an MS in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB) with four core tracks in Population and Community Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, Physiology and Behavior, and Conservation and Biodiversity.

According to their website, "UC Santa Cruz is unusually fortunate in having varied and easily accessible marine and terrestrial resources for research. UCSC is ideal for research in terrestrial, freshwater and marine systems, having its campus

and Natural Reserve System, its own marine laboratory, a fleet of boats, and one of the most active scientific diving programs in the country. In addition to state-of-the-art departmental laboratories, students have full access to greenhouses, analytical laboratories, and other facilities in the Division of Physical and Biological Sciences."

Look to their website for more information: <http://www.eeb.ucsc.edu/academics/graduate/>