

9-19-2013

The Fierce Green Fire: Vol. 4 Issue 3

Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.wofford.edu/fiercegreenfire>



Part of the [Environmental Sciences Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Wofford College Environmental Studies Program, "The Fierce Green Fire: Vol. 4 Issue 3" (2013). *The Fierce Green Fire*. 23.
<https://digitalcommons.wofford.edu/fiercegreenfire/23>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Environmental Studies at Digital Commons @ Wofford. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Fierce Green Fire by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ Wofford. For more information, please contact stonerp@wofford.edu.

The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

Professor Lane and TLAR Fellow Alissa Ritzo Duncan talk during production.



Volume 4, Issue 3

What's Happening in Glendale

Videos in Production For TLAR

This fall the Pacolet River has been turned into a movie set. No, Hollywood has not discovered our nearby environmental studies "learning landscape" to shoot their latest eco-apocalypse film. Instead the river has become the backdrop for a series of teaching videos made possible with our MAC Foundation grant and the resources of our community fellows associated with the *Thinking Like A River Initiative*.

One series of videos, starring our own Ryan Hurst '14, will introduce the river to those who have never paddled it for a class. Students will be assigned four videos to watch the week before they take part in a TLAR "floating seminar" on the Pacolet. Stay tuned for the release of the first of these videos in October.

The second series of videos, conceived by TLAR community fellow Alissa Ritzo Duncan, explains the details of recreational paddling for the rank beginner, from how to locate a put-in on a local stream, to how to load and tie down your boat. They cover basic paddle strokes and a safety

talk. These videos are in production, shot by a professional on Lawson's Fork and the Pacolet River.

Volunteer Opportunities At Goodall

The Goodall Environmental Studies Center in Glendale is seeking some fresh faces to volunteer and assist in community events! For the past year, Haley Briel (the outreach coordinator at Goodall) has been hosting events that combine science, art, and history to teach kids and families about the environment in a "hands on" way. Past events have included stargazing, nature crafting, and making your own fossils. Volunteers are not required to have any previous knowledge; all that we ask is that they are enthusiastic and enjoy working with kids. This is a great way to fulfill service hours, and to have some teaching experience for your resume! Upcoming events we will need help with include an after school camp next week (Sept 23-26), and a Halloween event complete with haunted trail. Please contact Haley Briel at GoodallOutreach@wofford.edu if you would like to come out and volunteer! Travel to the Center can be arranged.



TLAR Fellow Alissa Ritzo Duncan shoots instructional video for her fellows project.



During video production, Ryan Hurst '14 sits in a kayak while instructing viewer on river safety.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- September 20th **Drum Circle:** Goodall Environmental Studies Center amphitheater, 7:00pm-9:00pm.
- September 23rd **Fierce Green Fire Meeting:** Next meeting in BSA 1 at 8:30pm.
- September 24th **“Struggle: social movements and the future of corn in Tlaxcala, Mexico”:** Olin 101 at 4:00pm. Luz Rivera will speak about her 20 years of experience constructing autonomy, organizing outside the electoral system, and resisting genetically modified corn while protecting millennia-old varieties.
- September 23rd – 27th **Volunteers Needed at Goodall:** Haley needs help this week, 6:30pm-8:30pm. Peyton Howell, one of our *Thinking Like A River Fellows*, and Haley will be doing crafts with school-aged children for his fellows project. If you are interested, contact Haley at GoodallOutreach@wofford.edu.
- September 29th **Dedication of the Mary Arrington Walters Preserve at Glendale Shoals:** SPACE invites you to this dedication ceremony, 4:00pm-6:00pm. Professor Rayner will give a presentation on “A New Role for the Local Land Trust.” BBQ dinner provided; tickets \$20/person. Please call 948-0000 for reservations.
- September & October **Friday Lunchtime Bike Ride:** Each Friday at 12:00pm Partners for Active Living hosts a lunchtime ride. This week’s ride will start at the Henry Street trailhead of the Mary Black Rail Trail. All levels welcome, helmets are required.
- October 9th **Special Topics Advising Hour:** The first of four meeting this year hosted by ENVS. Sophomores and juniors are invited to learn more about this month’s topic, *Internships*. 2:30pm-3:30pm in BSA.
- October 26th **National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day:** 10:00am-2:00pm. Drop off any old medication at the Sheriff’s office or Spartanburg City Hall. Check www.ariverremedy.org for more information. Also look for Spartanburg Citizens for Recycling on Facebook.

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 professional degree in environmental policy from Duke University have three options:

- A Master of Environmental Management (MEM) degree in Environmental Economics and Policy

- A Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree or
- A concurrent MEM/MPP degree (This degree takes three years to complete and you must apply to both programs for acceptance.)

Quoted from the school’s website, “The MEM program teaches students how to analyze and manage natural environments for human benefit and ecosystem health.” For more information on this program visit: <http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/>.