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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



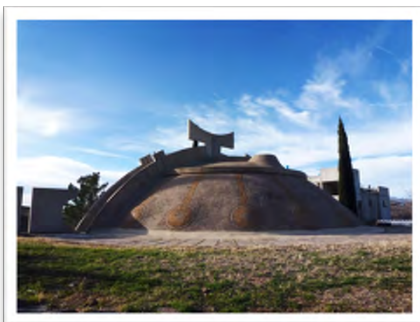
Students explore the desert landscape during Interim 2012.

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Interim in the ENVS Department

Send us your Interim 2012 pictures!

We would love to include them in the next issue of Fierce Green Fire!



Architecture of Arcosanti

Dr. Savage, together with Dr. Schmunk of Art History, led the interim class “Desert, Mountain, Garden – Backpacking the American Southwest.” Two ENVS majors, Jillian Cothran and Prescott Tweedy, were among the participants. Before leaving South Carolina, the class carried their loaded packs up Looking Glass Rock and camped at Croft State Park to get a feel for the demands of the trip. Then it was off to Los Angeles, where the group visited the Huntington Gardens and Getty Center and explored architectural responses to the desert landscape. Next, Joshua Tree National Park impressed the group with its beautiful granite rock formations and whipping winds. Death Valley National Park was notable for its

stark volcanic features, salt flats, sand dunes, and colorful mountains. The group stopped for one night at the development Arcosanti, where the residents are working to build inventive passive solar designs to house 5000 people on 15 acres of land! Their remaining 860-acre tract has amazing remains of Native American pueblos, including rock walls that were used to trap pronghorn antelope, and several petroglyphs. The final leg of the trip was a 5-day backpacking expedition in the Superstition Wilderness, where giant saguaro cacti stood guard amongst jagged peaks that glowed red and gold in the afternoon light.



Landscape of the Superstitions Wilderness

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- February 15th **Application Deadline - Santee Cooper's 2012 Environmental Intern Program:** Only 11 South Carolina college students will be chosen to participate in this year's program (May 21st – July 27th). Come by the ENVIS office and talk to Dr. Savage for more information or talk to Bedford Wooten, intern from last summer.
- February 18th **Partners for Active Living:** "I ♥ Wadsworth Trail" Cleanup Day, 10:00am, go to one of four locations: Westside Club, Willowbrook neighborhood entrance at Willowbrook Drive, Rock Springs neighborhood entrance at Rock Springs Drive or Hawk Creek II and The Meadows entrance at Oakley. BBQ lunch to follow at the Westside Club.
- February 21st **Fierce Green Fire Group** will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month this semester. Olin 210 at 6:00pm. Contact Katie Pearson, pearsonkr@email.wofford.edu.
- February 28th **Green Screen 2012:** HUB-BUB is hosting a "green" film series again this year! Come out and watch each Tuesday night through April 17th. Tonight's film, "*The Economics of Happiness*" begins at 7:00pm and will be followed by a panel discussion and an opportunity for audience participation. Admission is free.
- March 1st **Deadline for Smithsonian-Mason Semester for Conservation Studies:** Students will spend a semester studying at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, Virginia through George Mason University. You must submit an application, two letters of recommendation, a 500-word statement of interest, and undergraduate transcripts. For more information, go to <http://mccs.gmu.edu/undergraduate>.
- March 11th-13th **2012 South Carolina Environmental Conference:** 22nd Annual Conference at the Myrtle Beach Conference Center. Visit www.sc-ec.org for more information. Contact Dr. Savage if you are interested in attending this conference.
- April 11th-14th **Society of Ethnobiology:** 35th Annual Conference, "Conservation and Communities" will be held at the Denver Botanic Gardens. Please contact Dr. Cynthia Fowler at fowlerct@wofford.edu if you are interested in attending this conference.

GRAD SCHOOL PROFILE:

Emory University – Rollins School of Public Health

There are two areas of graduate study through the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta. A Masters of Public Health (MPH) in Environmental Health focuses on general environmental sciences, toxicology, epidemiology, hazardous exposures, and environmental and occupational health policy. And the MPH in Global Environmental Health focuses on the field of environmental health with an international scope as the poorest countries of the world have the worst

health issues relating to environmental issues.

A third choice of graduate study is in Population Biology, Ecology, & Evolution (PBEE) through Emory's Biological & Biomedical Sciences division. This program provides training for students interested in research and teaching careers.

Please visit their website <http://www.envs.emory.edu/graduate/index.html> for more information on the graduate programs available.