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# The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



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visiting professor for  
Fall 2012.



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## *Executive Speakers Series*

*Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
11:00am-12:00pm*

*Rebecca West '86  
Deputy General Manager of  
Technical and Engineering Services  
at Spartanburg Water*

*Center for Professional Excellence  
Phase V Building*

*Fierce Green Fire Group  
will meet*

*Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> in  
Shipp Lounge at 6:00pm.*

*Plans for Earth Day 2012  
will be discussed.*

## *New ENVS Courses for Fall 2012*

Looking for a new and interesting course to take in the fall? Two new courses will be offered by the Environmental Studies Program.

ENVS 240 is *Quantitative Environmental Methods and Models*, to be taught by Dr. Ferguson. In the book *Filters Against Folly: How to Survive Despite Economists, Ecologists, and the Merely Eloquent*, author Garrett Harden identifies three filters vital to understanding environmental situations and problems. "*Literacy*, the ability to understand what words really mean; *Numeracy*, the ability not only to quantify information, but also to interpret it intelligently; and *Ecolacy*, the need to take into account the effects of complex interactions over time or understand systems." ENVS 240 will develop an understanding of

these filters.

Either ENVS 240 or CS/MATH 201 is required by all ENVS BS majors and ENVS 240 will be a focus course elective for BA majors.

A new special topics course will be offered in the fall as well. ENVS 480 is *Birds – Some We Watch, Some We Kill: The Ecology, Conservation and Culture of Birds in America*, being taught by visiting professor Dr. J. Drew Lanham from Clemson University's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. The course will introduce students to the multifaceted way we view birds. Lab hours for this class will consist of field trips to various locations around the upstate.

If you have questions about either of these classes, please come by the ENVS office and talk to Dr. Savage or Dr. Ferguson.

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- March 16<sup>th</sup> **Natural Science Seminar Series:** USC Upstate presents *Responses of Australian Freshwater Turtles to Drought and Urbanization* by UNC Pembroke professor, Dr. John Roe. Program starts at 5:00pm in the Health Education Complex, Room 2039.
- March 20<sup>th</sup> **The Green Screen Film Series:** *Urbanized* is the next documentary in this series. 7:00pm at The Showroom. Admission is free. Each event features a panel discussion and offers audience participation.
- March 25<sup>th</sup> **Deadline for Summer Internship with Greenville Zoo:** Learn about horticulture and maintenance at Greenville Zoo. The non-paying, 8-week summer program requires a minimum of 16 hours a week. Internships are also available for the fall semester. Those applications are due June 1<sup>st</sup>. See Dr. Savage or Professor Lane for more details.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> **Deadline for Wilderness and Civilization Program:** The University of Montana's Wilderness Institute is accepting applications for their fall 2012 program. Spend the semester exploring and studying in the Northern Rockies. Visit <http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wc/> for more information about the program.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> **Deadline for Colorado Ecosystem Field Studies:** This program is now accepting applications for 2 summer sessions, June 12-28 or July 24-August 9. Earn 3 undergraduate transfer credits while hiking and camping in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Visit [www.ecofs.org](http://www.ecofs.org) for more information.
- April 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> **"Energy for the Future":** The 2012 Annual South Carolina Academy of Science Meeting will be held at USC Aiken. If you are interested in going, come by the ENVS office and talk to Dr. Savage.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> **Deadline for Oregon Leadership in Sustainability Graduate Certificate Program:** We profiled this program a few weeks ago in Issue 13 of FGF. OLIS has room for a few more applicants to take part in the 2012-2013 class. Visit <http://olis.uoregon.edu> for more information.
- Summer 2012 **Danta: Association for Conservation of the Tropics:** Summer sessions in Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica. June 11-July 8, *Primate Behavior and Conservation*; July 10-August 5, *Sea Turtle Conservation and Tropical Herpetology*. Visit [www.DANTA.info](http://www.DANTA.info) for more information.

## GRAD SCHOOL PROFILE:

### *University of Pennsylvania – College of Liberal & Professional Studies*

The University of Pennsylvania offers a Master of Environmental Studies (MES) program through its College of Liberal and Professional Studies.

There are several concentrations within the program including environmental advocacy & education, environmental biology, environmental sustainability, environmental policy, resource management, and urban environment. Each student is able to choose one of these six paths or create their own focus.

For students interested in environmental

leadership roles in business or government, the University of Pennsylvania offers Master of Environmental Studies Special Programs. These are dual programs combining a MES with a Master of Business Administration or Master of Governmental Administration.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please visit their website:

<http://www.sas.upenn.edu/lps/graduate/mes/>.