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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



On March 29th, the Goodall Center was given the Leadership Award – Exemplary Project 2012 by the US Green Building Council – SC Chapter. Pictured accepting the award (l to r): Jason Burr, Assoc. VP of Facilities and Capital Projects; Betty Montgomery, Wofford Trustee; and BG Stephens, Professor of Chemistry Emeritus and Glendale native.

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April 19th Capstone Presentations

2:30 – 2:40pm -Eric Breitenstein - *“My Convenient Wilderness: The Blue Ridge Mountains”*

2:40 – 2:50pm - Cam Coxe – *“Circles of Rice: A Study of the Future Sustainability of Rice Production Under Center Pivot Irrigation”*

2:50 – 3:00pm - Lauren Hernandez-Rubio – *“Science, Protecting the Earth”*

3:00 – 3:10pm - Caitlyn Gilliland – *“Vision Quest: Sustainability Through Elemental Consciousness”*

3:10 – 3:20pm - Elizabeth Maier – *“Early Environmental Education: Developing, Designing, and Planning a Children’s Book”*

3:20 – 3:30pm - Tommy Mastrokolias – *“Another Devil’s Bargain: Tourism and Sustainability in Greece”*

3:30 – 3:40pm - Ameet Pall – *“The Bodhi Tree: Editing, Designing, and Producing a Magazine of Nature, Self, and Buddhism”*

3:40 – 3:50pm - Garrett Rawl – *“Mobility of Spent Lead Shot in the Santee Cooper Public Dove Field”*

3:50 – 4:00pm - Hannah Wheeler – *“Offshore Wind Energy Development in South Carolina”*

4:00 – 4:10pm - Taylor White – *“The Art of Burning”*

4:10 – 4:20pm - Bedford Wooten – *“Prescribed Burning’s Effect on Soil in Chesterfield County in Relation to the Predicted Growth of Longleaf Pines”*

Events in the Environmental Studies Program

Once again the Goodall Environmental Studies Center is in the news. On March 29th, it was recognized by the US Green Building Council – SC Chapter for their 2012 Leadership Award. McMillan Pazdan Smith, architects of the LEED platinum project, submitted the building for the award.

There are several important events happening in ENVS this coming week. Our seniors will present their Capstone Projects on Thursday, April 19th, in Olin 213. Eleven students are scheduled from 2:30pm-4:30pm for 10-minute presentations. At your convenience, please drop in and listen to one presentation or stay for them all. See the schedule to the left for times, presenters, and topics.

Professor Lane will travel this weekend with a group down the river from Pacolet to Lockhart. Our Santee Cooper Lecture Series

guest speaker, Tim Palmer, will spend the weekend with the group and then lecture on Tuesday, April 24th, at 7:00pm in Leonard Auditorium on the topic of *“Sustaining Our Wild Rivers.”*

Tim Palmer is a photographer and award-winning author of over 20 books on rivers, conservation, and the environment including the acclaimed *“Rivers of America”* and *“Trees and Forests of America.”* He is a dynamic public speaker with inspiring slide shows about a range of environmental topics.

The Santee Cooper Lecture Series brings speakers from around the world, giving them a platform to discuss timely and pressing environmental issues with Wofford faculty and students, as well as students from the Spartanburg County school systems and interested citizens. This is the 3rd lecture for the 2011-2012 Series. Please join us!



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- April 19th **ENVS Senior Capstone Presentations:** Our seniors will make 10-minute presentations on their capstone projects in Olin 213, 2:30pm-4:30pm. Please join us for one or all of the presentations. See schedule on page 1 and also on the Wofford Daily Announcements.
- April 20th **Natural Sciences and Engineering Seminar Series:** *USC Upstate* presents *Mammary Musings: Perspectives on Prepubertal Bovine Mammary Development for Agricultural and Fundamental Biology Research* by Clemson University professor, Dr. Steven Ellis. Program starts at 5:00pm in the Health Education Complex, Room 2039.
- April 20th **Grillin' and Chillin' with Laura Macaulay/Toxicity of Consumer Chemicals:** Laura graduated as a chemistry major in 2010. She will be talking about her research on the toxicology of flame retardants in her graduate program in Integrated Toxicology & Environmental Health at Duke University. 4:30 at the Pavilion. If you want to eat, RSVP to southerstl@wofford.edu by 3 pm Wednesday April 18.
- April 21st **Thoreauvian Saunter Cancelled:** Due to the busy schedules on campus and off, we decided to cancel the Saunter from Wofford to Glendale scheduled for this Saturday.
- April 24th **Santee Cooper Lecture Series, "Sustaining Our Wild Rivers":** Tim Palmer, photographer and award-winning author of 20 books on rivers, conservation, and the environment, will speak in Leonard Auditorium at 7:00pm.
- May 1st **Conservation Lobby Day:** Upstate Forever will be travelling to Columbia for this day-long event. Learn how this group and other conservationists lobby Senators and Representatives on key environmental issues. Contact Nancy Fitzer at nfitzer@upstateforever.org if you are interested in participating.
- May 4th **8th Annual Spartanburg Regional Classic:** May is National Bike Month! Come out and enjoy the races in downtown Spartanburg starting at 4:00pm with women and men's amateur racing. Women's professional race starts at 7:05pm and the men's professional race starts at 8:30pm.

GRAD SCHOOL PROFILE:

Saint Louis University – Master of Sustainability

The Master of Sustainability (MOS) degree at Saint Louis University (SLU) is a new program (only in its second year) offered through their Center for Sustainability. The program was developed in a collaborative effort with the school's College of Arts & Sciences, College of Business, College of Engineering, Aviation, & Technology, and the College of Education & Public Service. "The goal of the MOS program is to provide an integrated learning environment that emphasizes sustainability as a unique discipline."

Their record breaking year honored them with SLU's most successful launch of any new graduate program, the largest amount of external funding in school history, and the Center was recognized with a Bronze rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education because of its efforts in eco-friendliness and social and economic sustainability.

For more information on this new and innovative program, visit <http://www.slu.edu/center-for-sustainability-home/master-of-sustainability-program>.