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# The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

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*Winter weather in the BSA courtyard!*

## *Visiting Speaker Bart Elmore*

On Monday and Tuesday environmental historian Bart Elmore visited Wofford from the University of Alabama. In spite of little sleep (he'd spent Sunday night on the floor of the Denver airport) and lost luggage, Elmore soldiered-on, talking to Professor Lane's environmental humanities class about the value of environmental history, signing his new book *CITIZEN COKE* at the Hub City Bookshop, lecturing on the shifting environmental sources of caffeine in Coca-Cola throughout the company's history, lunching with many of the ENVS and history faculty and a few students, and advising students about graduate school.

Bart's excitement as a teacher and writer is infectious. We all learned about the complexity of capitalism as practiced by a global corporation. On Tuesday morning he assured the audience he doesn't dislike Coke, and that his research is meant to

illuminate the fascinating history behind a classic Southern project with global implications— just like cotton or tobacco.

The book explores the major ingredients in Coke – water, sugar, caffeine and others (including coca leaf) – to learn about the natural resources used, and associated social and environmental impacts. During his talk, Bart shared some of the adventures he experienced in Peru and India, as he investigated current practices, that had us all in laughter and some disbelief.

Elmore's visit was co-sponsored by the Departments of History and Environmental Studies.



*Bart Elmore's talk on Coca-Cola Capitalism broke the Coke machine in the faculty dining room!*



## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- February 26–28<sup>th</sup>** *Furman’s Chinese Environmental Film Festival & Workshop*: Featuring eight films, including the premiere of a documentary produced by two filmmakers from China’s Yunnan Province. The final day of the festival will include a workshop where speakers and experts will have the opportunity to provide critical commentary related to the films. For a list of events and times, visit <http://www.furman.edu/ACADEMICS/ASIANSTUDIES/CHINESE-ENVIRONMENTAL-FILM-FESTIVAL/SCHEDULE-OF-EVENTS/Pages/default.aspx>
- March 1<sup>st</sup>** *Deadline to apply for Michigan State University’s Kellogg Biological Station Summer Research Experience*: Program runs May18-August 7, 2015. 8-10 undergraduates will be selected with a \$5000 stipend, free room & board, and up to \$500 in travel and research expenses for the 12-week program. For more information: <http://www.kbs.msu.edu/index.php/education/ugrad/reu>
- March 9<sup>th</sup>** *Fierce Green Fire Student Group*: Next meeting at 8:30pm in BSA 1.
- March 28<sup>th</sup>** *Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day*: Spartanburg County residents may bring old paint, pesticides, mercury, household chemicals, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, and other items for free disposal to Spartanburg County Administration Building, 366 N. Church Street, 9:00am-2:00pm. See <http://www.safedisposalupstate.org/> for details.
- Ongoing** *Living Earth Sanctuary 2015 Internships*: Positions available through the growing season (April-November) and ask for a 3-month commitment with a minimum of 25 hr/week. Living Earth Sanctuary is located in Kings Mountain, NC. Free room and board, meals, and educational workshops – personal means of transportation is highly recommended. <https://livingearthsanctuary.wordpress.com/wild-dahlia-homestead/2015-internship/>
- Ongoing** *The Grassroots Jobsource at Orion Magazine* connects the green leaders of tomorrow with good work today. Visit <http://jobs.orionmagazine.org/> for job postings.

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## PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

### *Georgetown University – Masters of Professional Studies in Urban & Regional Planning*

Georgetown University’s Masters of Professional Studies in Urban & Regional Planning offers the opportunity for students to explore urban design on their state-of-the-art campus in an urban setting.

*The program engages the communities, places, and professionals to study urbanization as a global endeavor. Students gain unique, hands-on urban planning experience with Washington, D.C.’s extraordinary concentration of local, domestic, and international organizations, whose innovative activities span all facets of global urbanization.*

*With concentrations in urban design, community development, and international development, the program*

*encourages students to explore their personal interests in a mission-driven and opportunistic manner. Students learn from a faculty of leading academics and professionals who bring their insights, experience, and expertise directly into the classroom.*

The program can be completed as a full-time student in 4 semesters (16 months) or as a part-time student over two to three years, allowing students to participate in concurrent full-time employment or professional internships. Visit their website: <http://scs.georgetown.edu/departments/34/master-of-professional-studies-in-urban-and-regional-planning/>