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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



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*Conestee Foundation Director Dr. David Hargett speaks to the students.*



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## *Dr. Lanham's Class Visits Lake Conestee Nature Park*

Superfund; the word brings to mind a wasteland; a place where environmental degradation has gone so far past bad that remediation is almost beyond the realm of possibility. Superfund brings to mind a toxic stew brewing in waters and soil to spoil nature. However, at Lake Conestee Nature Park (LCNP) in Greenville, South Carolina, the negative connotation of the superfund site finds some redemption in the birds and other abundant wildlife that find refuge in the forests and wetlands there. Students in the ENV/BIO 480 course, *Birds; Some We Watch, Some We Kill*, taught by Dr. J. Drew Lanham, a visiting professor from Clemson University, saw firsthand how natural ecosystem resilience and the foresight of dedicated conservation stewards like Conestee Foundation Executive Director Dr. David Hargett, can make the best of

a bad situation. The class visited the park to observe birds but learned much about making conservation work in innovative ways. They hope to incorporate the lessons learned in the design of a bird conservation plan for Glendale and the Goodall Environmental Studies Center. They saw a variety of species including ruddy ducks, ruby-crowned kinglets, northern flickers and the park's signature species, the rusty blackbird. Now an Audubon Globally Important Bird Area and local birding "hotspot" because of its high bird diversity and importance as a wintering area for the rapidly declining rusty blackbird, Dr. Hargett likens LCNP to perhaps the most famous of all green spaces and urban wildlife reserves, New York City's Central Park.

Check out the blog by one of our *Thinking Like A River* symposium panelists, Susan Fox Rogers: <http://susanfoxrogers.com/>.



## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- December 3<sup>rd</sup>** **Book Signing:** Helen Correll, artist and author of *"Middlewood Journal,"* will be at the Spartanburg County Library Headquarters, 6:00pm.
- December 10<sup>th</sup>** **Fierce Green Fire Meeting:** Final meeting of the semester in BSA 1 at 8:30pm.
- January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>** **Wilderness First Aid Course:** *Glendale Outdoors Leadership School (GOLS)* will host this 16-hour course (8:00am-5:00pm both days) for entry-level first aid training. Two-day price: \$185, CPR class: extra \$20. To sign up, please call (803) 771-0870. For more information visit [www.palmettoconservation.org](http://www.palmettoconservation.org).
- Ongoing** **Sustainability Cups Are Still Available:** Cups are \$20 and can be purchased by contacting Cyrus Corbett at [corbettwc@email.wofford.edu](mailto:corbettwc@email.wofford.edu) with your name, W number, and CPO box number. Use your cup at many of the dining facilities on campus for free soft drinks! (*See picture above on page 1.*)
- Ongoing** **Summer 2013 Intern Program:** Applications for The Savannah River Remediation (SRR) Intern Program at the Savannah River Site (SRS) are being accepted beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. To qualify for a summer internship with SRR, the student must be a US citizen, enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited four-year university and have a current GPA of 2.5 or higher. See Dr. Savage for information on submitting an application. Selected applicants will be contacted by March 31, 2013.

### Study Hours at the Goodall Center

Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00pm-10:00pm  
 Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 2:00pm-10:00pm  
 Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00pm-10:00pm  
 Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00pm-10:00pm

*Panera Coffee Provided*

## PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

### *Lund University – Sweden – LUMES Programme*

Lund University in Sweden offers a 2-year International Master's program in Environmental Studies and Sustainability Sciences, also known as LUMES. Since its start in 1997, LUMES has had students from 100 different countries in the program and accepts about 40 students each year.

"The programme's unique international, interdisciplinary setting provides a forum for students to work together on a broad array of environment- and sustainability-focused topics where students acquire invaluable insights into other cultural and

disciplinary perspectives."

A re-developed program will launch for the 2013 academic year. "The programme maintains many of its strengths at the same time better adapting itself to the rapidly developing field of Sustainability Science."

Visit <http://www.lumes.lu.se/index.aspx> for more information on this program.