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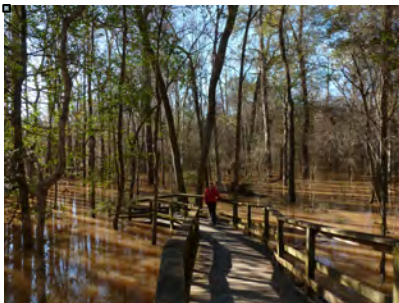
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*Students in the  
"Experience the Forest"  
interim in the maritime  
forest on Bull's Island*



*Above, Dr. Steinmetz admires the pines at Dr. George Tyson Jr.'s ('72) longleaf forest. Below, Dr. Savage experiences the flooded forest at Congaree National Park.*



## *Experience the Forest*

Drs. Savage and Steinmetz (Psychology) collaborated for interim this January. With ten students, they explored forest environments in various settings in North and South Carolina, learning about many facets including ecology, timber management, and psychological benefits of spending time in forests.

The first week's adventures took place at the South Carolina Coast, where the group stayed at the Hobcaw Barony. On-site, they learned from local research experts about saltwater intrusion and its stresses on trees, as well as ecology of the maritime forest. One day was spent at Bull's Island, where the group saw how hurricane Hugo in 1989 had changed the forested landscape. On the return trip to Wofford, the group was treated to a tour of a longleaf pine forest where

they learned more about the management perspective as well as appreciating the beauty of these majestic trees.

Congaree National Park was the second week's destination, where everyone was enchanted by the mystical qualities of the floodplain forest. The final field trip, to Pisgah National Forest, included a hike through the snowy landscape, decorated with icicles, as well as a fascinating visit to the Bent Creek experimental forest.

The course also incorporated case studies of individual trail journeys, research into different world forests, a day of making paper from tree bark, and creative projects by the students including original short stories, surreal drawings, video, and art made with materials collected from all the landscapes that were visited.

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## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

**February 6<sup>th</sup>** *On the Move: Upcoming Expansions of Trails and Greenways in the City of Spartanburg* presentation and panel discussion at the Spartanburg Herald-Journal's Community Room, 5:15-6:30pm. Come learn about exciting, new projects scheduled for Spartanburg. RSVP at <https://www.facebook.com/events/239292732917680/>.

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** *Winter Walk at Cleveland Preserve*: The Spartanburg Area Conservancy is hosting a walk led by master naturalist Dan Whitten, 2:00-5:00pm. Meet in front of Hub City Bookshop at 1:45pm to caravan, or meet at the preserve at 2:00pm (400 Fairview Church Rd, Spartanburg, 29306). Please RSVP to [space@spartanburgconservation.org](mailto:space@spartanburgconservation.org) or 948-0000 so they know you are coming.

**Upcoming in February** *Fierce Green Fire Meeting*: Next meeting to be announced soon!

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** *Tyson Family Lecture on Restoring & Preserving Southern Ecosystems: Our Rising Sea Levels* will be the topic of Orrin Pilkey's lecture in Olin Teaching Theater at 7:00pm. Dr. Pilkey is the James B. Duke Professor Emeritus at Duke University. This lecture is also sponsored in part by *Santee Cooper Lecture Series on Sustainability & Energy Issues*.

**March 11<sup>th</sup>** *Santee Cooper Lecture Series on Sustainability & Energy Issues*: Several speakers will be on campus this semester for our *Santee Cooper Lecture Series*. The first will be David Taylor, professor at the University of North Texas, to talk about *The Log from the Sea of Cortez: A Poem Series*. Stay tuned for more information to come about this and other events coming up this spring.

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## PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

### *Santee Cooper Environmental Internship for Summer 2014*

Each summer the Santee Cooper Environmental Intern Program invites 12 South Carolina college students to work in key environmental departments at one of the nation's largest public power utilities. *"In the field, interns will see what rural electrification has done for our state and what Santee Cooper continues to do to protect our natural resources. From the drafting table to the backwoods, they will see how the process of generating power while preserving the environment is a never-ending one of search and discovery."*

The program is located in Moncks Corner, SC

and runs May 27-August 1. Students are provided housing, food allowance, and hourly wages. Our own *Charlotte Perrow '11* and *Bedford Wooten '12* participated in this exciting and competitive program while they were *ENVIS* majors at Wofford.

The deadline to apply for one of these 12 positions is February 15, 2014. If you are interested in applying, contact Dr. Savage. You can also visit the website for additional information:

<https://www.santeecooper.com/careers/programs-internships/environmental-intern-program.aspx>