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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



Dr. Ferguson (right) with Michael Waters (center) and John Ferguson (left) at the Paleoamerican Odyssey conference in Santa Fe, NM.



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Come out to Glendale for a day of fun!

**FREE GAMES & PRIZES**

Race starts at 10:00am

Kayaking – 11:30am-1:30pm

Rock climbing – 12:00-3:00pm

**\$15 per activity**

The Hub City Food truck will join us at 12:30pm, selling locally grown fresh food.

Registration for these activities:

<https://www.wofford.edu/environmentalstudies/shoalsfunrun.aspx>

## Dr. Ferguson at Santa Fe Conference

Dr. Ferguson was co-author on an invited poster, *Geophysics and the Geoarchaeological Characterization of the Topper Site, South Carolina*, at the recent *Paleoamerican Odyssey: A Conference Focused on First Americans* in Santa Fe, New Mexico in October.

The Topper Site (38AL23) located near Allendale, South Carolina is a significant archaeological site associated with the early peopling of the Americas. The poster discussed how geoarchaeological investigations in general and geophysical investigations in particular are employed to characterize its Cenozoic geologic context, and the Pleistocene and Holocene natural

site formation processes, at the Topper site. The geophysical techniques of seismic refraction and ground penetrating radar were used in conjunction with more traditional geoarchaeological techniques, such as particle size analysis and radiometric dating to show how deeply buried archaeological sites can be non-invasively investigated, and show that it is possible to determine and map the geometry and lithology of geological units, the sequence and structure of sedimentary strata and to characterize the context of natural site formation processes. *For anyone interesting in learning more, the poster will be on display in Environmental Studies in Black Annex.*



Scenes from the Goodall Center's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Halloween Party

October 24, 2013



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## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

November 1<sup>st</sup>

**All Saints Tolling of the Bell:** Join the Wofford community at this annual event to remember those who are no longer with us. 12:30pm at the Seal of Old Main. This year's tolling will include a special time of remembrance for Martha Cammack '13.

November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shoals Fun Run:** Join us in Glendale! Race starts at 10:00am. For information and registration, visit

<https://www.wofford.edu/environmentalstudies/shoalsfunrun.aspx>



November 4<sup>th</sup>

**Fierce Green Fire Meeting:** Next meeting in BSA 1 at 8:30pm.

November 9<sup>th</sup>

**Upstate Forever Annual Membership Meeting:** Celebrating 15 years of achievements with a special event starting at 9:30am at GOLS in Glendale. Contact Emily Neely at [eneely@upstateforever.org](mailto:eneely@upstateforever.org) if you are interested in attending this event.

November 13<sup>th</sup>

**Special Topics Advising Hour:** The second of four meetings this year especially for Environmental Studies students. Freshmen and Sophomores are invited to learn more about this month's topic, *Study Abroad*. 2:30pm-3:30pm in BSA.

November 19<sup>th</sup>

**Santee Cooper Lecture Series on Sustainability & Energy Issues:** Mary Berry, Executive Director of The Berry Center in Kentucky will be on campus to talk about "*The Berry Center: Ideas on Sustainable Agriculture*." 5:00-6:30pm in McMillan Theater, Campus Life Building.

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## PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

### *Monterey Institute of International Studies*

Monterey Institute of International Studies, located in Monterey, California, is affiliated with the Graduate School of Middlebury College. It offers a Masters of Arts in International Environmental Policy (MAIEP), which focuses on an international scope instead of just on U.S. policy issues. Three specialized tracks are offered in Energy & Climate Change, Marine & Land Conservation, and Business, Sustainability, & Development.

Along with the core course and elective specialization course work, there is also a foreign language course work requirement.

This area of California is home to marine and ocean conservation and policy as well as the "greentech" revolution and many environmental groups and there are opportunities to collaborate with many of these environmental institutions.

According to their website, "Monterey Institute is one of the most environmentally-conscious campuses in the country and plans to be a carbon neutral campus by January 2016." For more information, please visit the website.

<http://www.mii.edu/academics/programs/environmentalpolicy>