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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



Jack Byrne, of Middlebury College, one of tonight's speakers for the Santee Cooper Lecture Series.



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Stay up-to-date on relevant conservation information and events around town!

“LIKE” Conservation Partners of Spartanburg on Facebook.

<http://tinyurl.com/7cnfjjd>

Santee Cooper Lecture Series “Choice and Consequences”

ENVS will kick-off the spring semester with the next installment of the Santee Cooper Lecture Series this evening at 7:00pm in Olin Theater. Everyone is invited to participate in “Choices and Consequences: A Conversation About Change in the Sustainability Landscape at Wofford and Beyond” with our guest speakers, Jack Byrne and Allyn Steele. The two will address the current state of sustainability and higher education, then answer questions.

Byrne is the director of the Sustainability Integration Office at Middlebury College in Vermont. He is actively involved with their campus community to advance and support leadership in creating a more sustainable future. Byrne was previously a guest speaker at

Wofford in April 2009, when he spoke on the topic “Vulnerability and Resilience in Turbulent Times – in Pursuit of a Sustainable Future.”

Steele is Wofford’s former director of Community Sustainability and served as Wofford’s first staff member for developing a more ecologically sustainable and carbon neutral campus. During his tenure, he was instrumental in creating partnerships between Wofford, the area’s five other institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, and the City and County of Spartanburg which continue today. Steele is now pursuing a Masters in Divinity at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee.

SANTÉE COOPER LECTURE SERIES ON SUSTAINABILITY & ENERGY ISSUES

**“Choices and Consequences:
A Conversation About Change
in the Sustainability Landscape
at Wofford and Beyond”**



Jack Byrne • Allyn Steele
director of the Sustainability Integration Office at Middlebury College Wofford's former director of Community Sustainability

WED. FEB. 8, 2012 • 7:00 PM
OLIN TEACHING THEATER
F.W. OLIN BUILDING
Program is FREE and OPEN to the public

For more details contact: JOHN LANE 864-597-4518
Santee Cooper Lecture Series is presented by Wofford's Environmental Studies Program

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- February 8th **Santee Cooper Lecture Series:** Jack Byrne and Allyn Steele will be on campus tonight to talk about the current state of sustainability and higher education. 7:00pm in Olin Theater.
- February 15th **Application Deadline - Santee Cooper's 2012 Environmental Intern Program:** Only 11 South Carolina college students will be chosen to participate in this year's program (May 21st – July 27th). Come by the ENVS office and talk to Dr. Savage for more information or talk to Bedford Wooten, intern from last summer.
- February 21st **Fierce Green Fire Group** will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month this semester. Olin 210 at 6:00pm. Contact Katie Pearson, pearsonkr@email.wofford.edu.
- February 28th **Green Screen 2012:** HUB-BUB is hosting a "green" film series again this year! Come out and watch each Tuesday night through April 17th. Tonight's film, "*The Economics of Happiness*" begins at 7:00pm and will be followed by a panel discussion and an opportunity for audience participation. Admission is free.
- March 11th-13th **2012 South Carolina Environmental Conference:** 22nd Annual Conference at the Myrtle Beach Conference Center. Visit www.sc-ec.org for more information. Contact Dr. Savage if you are interested in attending this conference.
- April 11th -14th **Society of Ethnobiology:** 35th Annual Conference, "Conservation and Communities" will be held at the Denver Botanic Gardens. Please contact Cynthia Fowler at fowlerct@wofford.edu if you are interested in attending this conference.

Welcome Back to School!

Stop by the ENVS office and say hello!

We'd love to see you!

GRAD SCHOOL PROFILE:

Louisiana State University – School of the Coast and Environment

LSU offers Masters of Science and Ph.D. degrees that focus on ecology and oceanography through its Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences (DOCS).

Their website states, "LSU has a tremendous advantage in oceanography and coastal sciences. Our proximity to the Mississippi River Delta, extensive estuaries and coastal wetlands, and abundant natural resources combined with the quality of our faculty and students are unrivalled. DOCS is nationally recognized as a center for

research on deltaic wetland ecology, sedimentary geology, stratigraphy, sediment transport and coastal ecology. Our research program brings in over \$5.4 million in external funding to LSU."

LSU also offers a Masters of Science in Environmental Studies through its Department of Environmental Studies.

If you are interested in pursuing environmental studies, oceanography or wetland science at the graduate level, visit their website at <http://www.ocean.lsu.edu/>.