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Professor Lane’s Busy Fall of Ecotravel

The first week of October John Lane traveled to Zimbabwe to lecture on American Nature Writing as a guest of Africa University’s College of Agriculture. Lane also visited a wildlife management class taught by retired Wofford professor Ab Abercrombie and worked with AU intensive English writing students on place-based poetry.

In early November Lane spent three days as an environmental writer-in-residence at Brown College, the undergraduate residential college of the University of Virginia. He gave three presentations while at UVA, including lectures on a new collection that includes his work, "Bartram's Living Legacy," a reading from his book "Circling Home," discussions about environmental issues with Brown College freshmen, and after-the-screening comments for the movie "Deliverance" as part of Charlottesville's concurrent Virginia Film Festival.

A month later Lane returned to Virginia for a visit to Virginia Military Academy. Lane was joined in Lexington by fellow environmental writers John Leland and Janisse Ray for a reading and panel discussion sponsored by the Institute Writing Program, the Institute Honors Program, and Office of the Dean.

The purpose of the panel, entitled "Excavating Place," was to explore a central idea: what it means to write from, about, and out of knowledge of or out of an attempt to understand and articulate a particular place.

All three writers’ opening remarks will be published, with a brief introduction by Washington & Lee's Jim Warren, in the symposium feature section of the journal "Studies in American Culture" in the October 2011 issue.
Upcoming Events and Opportunities

February 15th

Deadline for Early Admission applications to the Fall 2011 Wilderness & Civilization Program at The University of Montana

The University of Montana offers a two-semester field and campus program in wilderness education. The Wilderness & Civilization Program is a “unique interdisciplinary academic program that enables students to earn a Wilderness Studies Minor from UM. The program is limited to 25 students. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors of any major with a GPA of 3.0 or greater may apply. For more information, contact Dr. Savage at SavageKS@wofford.edu.

February 15th

Deadline for application for Santee-Cooper Paid Internship: For ten weeks this summer (May 23-July 29) 11 rising S.C. juniors and sophomores will have the opportunity to learn about key issues such as public power and the environment. ENVS student Charlotte Perrow was one of the 2010 interns. This is a paid internship with housing. Applicants must be permanent residents of S.C., and have a cum. GPA of 3.0. Ten S.C. legislators and the Electric Cooperatives of S.C. each appoint a student to the Intern Program. Brochures are available in the ENVS office; also see www.santeecooper.com/environment/forms_env.html Contact: Kay Vipperman Email: vippermanks@wofford.edu Telephone/Extension: 4260

February 28th

Deadline for application for Undergraduate Student Grant Proposals for Belle W. Baruch Foundation Funding: The Belle W. Baruch Foundation is accepting applications for funding for undergraduate research in the areas of Marine Science, Forestry, Wildlife Management, History, Archaeology, or Art History. Research must be conducted at Hobcaw Barony in Georgetown SC. For more information, contact Dr. Savage, SavageKS@wofford.edu.

GRAD SCHOOL PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

UC-Berkeley, Environmental Engineering Program

In 2010, the Environmental Engineering Program at the University of California, Berkeley was voted #1 Environmental Engineer Program for the second consecutive year by U.S. News & World Report. The program offers Masters of Science (M.S.), Masters of Engineering (M.Eng.), and doctoral (Ph.D.) degrees.

According to the program website, the program encourages applicants from engineering and non-engineering backgrounds. “Students with backgrounds in all areas of science and engineering are welcome in the environmental engineering program. For some students, it may be necessary to complete several pre-requisite classes before enrolling in the program.” The program emphasizes the following core areas: air quality, environmental fluid mechanics, hydrology, and water quality.

For more information, contact Prof. Rob Harley, Group Leader, 510-643-9168

Happy Holidays, Happy New Year & Happy Interim!

NOTE: This is the final issue of the FGF until after the new year.