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ENVS Profs Explore Brazil, Genealogy, & Gardening during Interim



Dr. Savage and students learn some native Brazilian dances.



This is why Dr. Savage is called “Dr. Savage”.

Dr. Savage recently returned from an exciting Interim trip to Brazil with Dr. Bethea (Foreign Languages) and 20 students from across the College.

The group visited the Amazon region near the city of Manaus, where they saw the Meeting of the Waters (the confluence of the Rio Negro with the Solimoes River) and had close encounters with pink dolphins, piranha, a sloth, a cayman, and an anaconda!

They also visited the city of Salvador, enjoying the colonial architecture and an exciting performance of local dance traditions including capoeira, a stylized and acrobatic mix of dance and martial arts.

The Tamar Project for marine turtle conservation was another

highlight. The last destination was Rio de Janeiro, where the group visited the famous Cristo Redentor statue that towers over the city, and also saw the social and environmental challenges facing favela (slum) communities. Brazil – Land of Contrast!

Professor Lane and Dr. Ferguson spend Interim in Spartanburg. Dr. Ferguson lead a course in Genetics and Genealogy; while Prof. Lane spent time gardening at the Goodall Environmental Studies Center and working on his next publication.



On work scholarship, Tyler Smith, worked for Prof. Lane at The Goodall Environmental Studies Center during Interim. According to Prof. Lane, “Tyler worked on raised beds in the morning and read “War and Peace” in the afternoon!”

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. For more information, contact Dr. Savage at SavageKS@wofford.edu.

February 15th

Deadline for applications 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. 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 applications 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.

Ongoing

Deadline for applications for *Alaskan Geosciences Expeditionary Experience*: The University of Alaska offers 9-week semester credits in arctic and mountain sciences through the Juneau Icefield Research Program located in Yukon, Canada. Partial to full scholarships are available for early applicants. For more information, see www.juneauicefield.com, email fger.jirp@gmail.com, or call 208-301-3860.

GRAD SCHOOL PROFILE OF THE WEEK: *Duke University – Nicholas School of the Environment*

In 1991, The School of Environment, later renamed Nicholas School of the Environment, brought together the three divisions of The School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the University’s Marine Laboratory.

Students interested in a professional degree in environmental policy from Duke University have three options:

- A Master of Environmental Management (MEM) degree in Environmental Economics and Policy

- A Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree or
- A concurrent MEM/MPP degree
(This degree takes three years to complete and you must apply to both programs for acceptance.)

Quoted from the school’s website, “The MEM program teaches students how to analyze and manage natural environments for human benefit and ecosystem health.” For more information on this program visit, <http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/>.