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Professors and Students Journey to Yale University for Film Premiere

Ron and Heidi Campbell-Robinson led a group of students from Ron’s “Religion, Literature, and the Environment” class to the World Premiere of the “Journey of the Universe” film at Yale University on March 25-26. John Lane and two environmental studies majors, Callie Smith and Brendan Posterick, were among those who made the trek north on the first chilly weekend of spring break.

The Journey of the Universe project is a collaboration of Brian Thomas Swimme, Mary Evelyn Tucker, John Grim, and a team of filmmakers and advisors. It is directed and produced by Patsy Northcutt and David Kennard and co-produced by Catherine Butler. The project will include a film, a book, and an educational DVD series, which will be available in June 2011. Inspired by the “New Story” of Thomas Berry, the Journey of the Universe draws on the latest scientific knowledge and tells the story of cosmic and Earth evolution. Tucker, Grim, and Swimme say that the film aims to inspire a new and closer relationship with Earth in a period of growing environmental and social crisis.

The Wofford group attended the screening in Kroon Hall, Yale’s School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, LEED platinum classroom building. Everyone was impressed with our own Goodall Center’s rich northern LEED cousin. The large building’s bold contemporary design stands proudly amid the older buildings on Yale’s “science hill”. When you walk inside the soothing aroma of raw red oak engulfs the visitor. “It smells like summer camp,” someone was overheard to say. The fountain in the courtyard recycles the building’s graywater and in late March is home to a population of chilly inactive koi and hibernating calla lilies.

Several interesting questions arose among those of us from Wofford who viewed the film, primary among them: Can this new “universe story” get much traction in the Bible Belt South? We left New Haven inspired to bring this important discussion back home. Stay tuned for a religion/ES class Ron and John are planning around the theme of “the universe story” for 2012.
Upcoming Events and Opportunities

April 16th  
**Wofford College’s 2nd Annual Thoreauvian Saunter:** Walk, run, or ride from Wofford to the Goodall Environmental Studies Center in Glendale. The race starts at 8:00 am. If you would like to volunteer to help for this event, please email Chris in the ENVS office at overcarchb@wofford.edu.

April 16th  
**World Water Monitoring Day:** 11:00 am-1:00 pm at the Goodall Environmental Studies Center in Glendale. Volunteers needed to help with 4th Grade students. Anyone interested should contact Kelli Rush, rushkm@email.wofford.edu.

April 17th  
**Jam in the Park:** 1:00 pm-7:00 pm at Duncan Park. Come out and listen to the music! Nonprofit organizations will display information from 2:00 pm-5:00 pm for this Earth Day Event.

April 23rd  
**Sierra Club Waterfall Hike at Pisgah National Forest:** The hike will be moderate for a distance of 3.5 miles round trip. The group will meet at 11:00 am to carpool. Contact Chip Green for more information and meeting location, 579-0164 or jwgmaps@gmail.com

April 23rd  
**Discover your watershed!** 9:00 am-3:00 pm at Lake Lyman Pavillon. Guided wetlands tour via canoe, kayak, and pontoon boat will allow participants of all ages to experience this section of the Tyger River watershed.

What’s happening in the community? Check out these websites for additional events and opportunities!

http://www.sustainablespartanburg.com  
http://www.upstateforever.org

GRAD SCHOOL PROFILE OF THE WEEK:  
**College of Charleston – Master of Environmental Studies**

The Master of Environmental Studies program at College of Charleston is an interdisciplinary graduate level study focused on policy and science. Approximately 80 students are currently enrolled in the MES program which includes five academic departments; biology, geology and environmental geosciences, mathematics, physics and astronomy, and political science. It is also supported by other faculty and outside institutions and agencies.

MES offers a dual degree program with a Master of Public Administration focusing on sustainability issues. The Peace Corp Master's International will be offered for the first time in the fall of 2011.

In the two-year program, students select their program of study and have the opportunity to create their own areas of specialization.

For more information or to request a packet of information go to http://spinner.cofc.edu/~environ/?referrer=webcluster&