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# The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

*Students in Professor Lane's ENVS 202 class choose letters that they will use to document the Northside through image and word.*



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## *Southern Icons: A to Z and the Northside Landscape* by Professor John Lane



*Dr. Telligman's Sustainable Agriculture class harvested their radishes from the Goodall Garden during lab this week.*



This past Wednesday VMU professor, photographer, and Erskine Caldwell scholar Rob McDonald visited my ENVS 202 class to launch our fourth annual Northside "Third Landscape" project, an annual way of exploring our neighboring redevelopment through words and images. Rob led us in an informal walk through the Northside, along with Wofford professor and writer George Singleton. We paid particular attention to the Magnolia Cemetery, on the eastern edge of the neighborhood, and Rob reminded us how difficult it is to take photos of a cemetery since photographing them can easily devolve into clichés. Before we left the classroom each student chose a letter they will use to document the Northside through image and word.

That night Rob presented his "Southern Icons: A to Z" photography project, the inspiration for this project, to an enthusiastic

crowd in the Olin Teaching Theater. The Icons project presents 26 unusual and surprising images by Southern photographers and accompanying responses to them by Southern writers, including ones by professors Singleton and Lane. The questions proved lively and Rob assured us that defining the South is both difficult and creatively challenging, but he encouraged us all, as William Faulkner encouraged as well, to tell about it if we can.

<https://www.facebook.com/southerniconsatoz/>



*Image from the class walk through the Magnolia Cemetery.*

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

**April 29<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00am-10:00am

***Tyger River Sweep Power Hour:*** Volunteers needed to spend one hour of your Saturday picking up litter to help make Tyger-10 Park beautiful again. Location: 3100 Walnut Grove Rd, Roebuck, 29376. To register, contact 864-949-1658 or [jswanson@spartanburgcounty.org](mailto:jswanson@spartanburgcounty.org).

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
6:00pm  
Daniel 221

***Memorial Exhibition for MacGregor Ruffin:*** An exhibit of MacGregor and friends artwork will run May 1<sup>st</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Please join us for this reception and talk to celebrate MacGregor's life.



*Professor Lane and the seniors in ENVS450 spent Thursday afternoon paddling to the Upper Shoals at Glendale.*

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## PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

### *Columbia University – Environmental Science and Policy MPA*

Columbia University offers a Masters in Public Administration degree in Environmental Science and Policy (ESP) through its School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA). Their goal is “to cultivate a new profession that manages earth systems in ways that will ensure the long-term viability of life on our planet.”

The MPA-ESP is an intense 12-month program that was begun in 2002 as a joint effort by SIPA and Columbia's Earth Institute.

The program emphasizes practical, science-based

policy and management learning to prepare students for leading positions in sustainability. Graduates leave with the skills and training to address the environmental challenges facing our planet. New York City is a hub for sustainability innovation that becomes an extension of the classroom.

You may also visit the website, <http://mpaenvironment.ei.columbia.edu/>.