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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

*Dr. Savage presented
the 2017 John W.
Harrington Award to
Carol Morel at Honors
Convocation on
Tuesday.
Congratulations to
Carol!*



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2017 Harrington Award Given at Honors Convocation

*“To see a world in a grain of sand,
and a Heaven in a wildflower,
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand,
And Eternity in an hour.”*

John W. Harrington, beloved Professor of Geology at Wofford for almost 20 years, loved this passage by William Blake and made it come alive for his students year after year, as he introduced them to the wondrous dynamic world of the deep past and shimmering present. Professor Harrington’s style of promoting curiosity in the field and delighting in the challenge of interpreting observations is a guiding force of the Environmental Studies Program that is part of his legacy. Concepts like the “wasness of the is,” the “cone of vision,” and the “four critical aspects” with its questions of “what, which, where, and how?” provide a tool kit necessary to fully understanding an environmental situation. The comparative and holistic use of humanities, sciences, and social sciences perspectives provides the liberal arts context in which these tools are used to define, understand, and seek solutions to modern environmental problems. One of John Harrington’s intellectual heroes was geologist Charles Lyell whose dictum was “trust reason not authority.” John encouraged, valued and rewarded personal insights and creative reasoning in his students. This award in his honor continues that tradition.

The Harrington Award is given by the Environmental Studies Program to the graduating senior who embodies John Harrington’s curiosity, creativity and excitement for field learning, while exhibiting high academic achievement, scholarly promise, and intellectual and moral integrity.

We are delighted to present the 2017 John W. Harrington Award to Carol Morel. Earning a BA in Environmental Studies and a BS in Chemistry, Carol has excelled at every opportunity, and she has also been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

Carol’s internships took her across the country, from the Smithsonian to Arizona’s Biosphere 2, where she conducted research that she recently presented at the American Chemical Society’s national meeting in San Francisco. As a Bonner scholar, Carol worked 4 years at the environmental agency Upstate Forever, with projects mostly focused on land use planning.

In between she made time to enjoy “thinking like a river,” including a fire-lit night on Goat Island near the confluence of the Pacolet and the Broad. John Harrington would approve!

She is headed to the University of Maryland to pursue a Ph.D. in hydrogeochemistry, where we hope she will find some time to paddle a kayak now and then. Carol, we are so proud of you!



Dr. Telligman’s ENVS151 sustainability science class used the BCycles on campus to compare transit times for driving, biking, and walking various routes.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

May 1st-21st
Daniel 221

Memorial Exhibition for MacGregor Ruffin: Please remember to visit this exhibit of MacGregor and friends' artwork before you leave campus for the summer.

May 20th
9:00am
Lake Blalock Park

6th Annual Paddle Fest: Spartanburg Water hosts this annual event at Lake Blalock to increase stewardship of our water resources. Educational paddle tours, kayak & canoe races, and paddle classes are offered to the community. Register at: <http://go-greenevents.com/event/id/5388>



Dr. Savage's ENV203 class paddled the Pacolet River during their Monday afternoon lab.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

American University – Washington College of Law – Environmental Law Program

American University's Washington College of Law (WCL) offers Juris Doctor and graduate admissions. Various JD degrees, domestic and international, are offered in international affairs, business, public administration, and public policy, along with their Master of Law degree (LLM) or Doctor of Juridical Science degree (SJD). *US News & World Report* includes Washington College of Law as one of the top ten international law programs in the country.

Their Environmental Law Program was

established in 1990 and continues to grow. In the Program on International and Comparative Environmental Law, WCL students are integrated with lawyers and practitioners in the field to focus on learning opportunities in client-based research and expanded support for student research projects. Students also benefit from the program's internships and externships since there are many participating environmental institutions and agencies in the Washington, DC area.

<https://www.wcl.american.edu/environment/>