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The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

Students in ENVS 101 spent their Wednesday afternoon lab at Croft State Park studying the idea of wilderness with Dr. Telligman.



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In his spare time, Dr. Blackwell enjoys fishing and kayaking in the great outdoors. He is teaching Intro to Earth System Science, Air Quality & the Environment, and Developing Capstone Proposal classes this semester. In the spring, he will teach Quantitative Methods & Modeling and Climate Change.



We Welcome Dr. Brad Blackwell to Wofford

I grew up in rural western Oklahoma, and I spent the first 18 years of my life exploring and learning to appreciate the harsh prairie ecosystem. My father was a ranger for the US Forest Service, and he regularly took me on field trips when I was very young. My earliest memories involve being outdoors, and my fascination with natural ecosystems has been a part of me for as long as I can remember. Since leaving Oklahoma, I have spent time in the desert, on the Gulf Coast, and in the mountains of the Northeast. I have yet to meet an ecosystem that I don't like.

My initial interest in environmental issues stemmed from my high school years. I recognized that activities like natural gas development and farming were having noticeable impacts on the areas that I liked to hunt and fish. I read books like *Cadillac Desert* and

Beyond the 100th Meridian, and I began to think that a career in environmental science would suit me well.

I started my educational career at Lubbock Christian University and earned my degree in environmental science. I later earned a master's degree at Texas Christian University and completed a PhD at Syracuse University. Before coming to Wofford, I was a researcher at the Environmental Protection Agency, where I studied the impacts of agricultural runoff on downstream estuarine ecosystems. I am looking forward to the opportunity to teach students about various aspects of the environment at Wofford, and I also hope to be involved in research that addresses local and regional environmental issues.

"Bike Around" Volunteers Needed Next Week! See Dr. Telligman or Dr. Brewitt if you are interested in helping with *Bike to Work* or *Group Ride-to-ArtWalk* events on Thursday, September 21st.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

September 16th
9:00am-10:00am
Tyger-10 Park

Tyger River Sweep Power Hour: Volunteers Wanted! Join us for a Power Hour cleanup. Spend one hour of your Saturday picking up litter to help make the Tyger-10 Park beautiful. Location: 3100 Walnut Grove Rd, Roebuck, 29376. Register for this event: jswanson@spartanburgcounty.org or 864-949-1658.

September 18th
6:00pm
Central United Methodist Church

“Caring for Creation & A Climate Solution That Could Bring America Together”: Bob Inglis, former 4th District Representative and founder of *republicEn*, a Republican environmental organization, will give a talk presented by Spartanburg Green Congregations, which is a local network of congregations that address environmental issues.

September 21st
7:15am & 8:15am
Rail Trail & Hampton Heights

Begin your day by biking to campus! Groups will meet at the Rail Trail and Hampton Heights. **Rail Trail Trolley Station** on Forest Avenue between Union & Pine (7:15am group with Peter Brewitt or 8:15am group with Kimberly Hall). Groups will make a second stop at 7:25am & 8:25am at the **Rail Trail parking lot on Henry Street** to pick up any riders who want to start from there. Another group will start in **Hampton Heights at Willow Oaks Park** at 8:15am with Ned Barrett. Coffee and doughs will be available on campus compliments of the Wofford Sustainability Committee.

September 21st
5:00pm
Richardson Center for the Arts and downtown

Bike to ArtWalk: Later that afternoon, tour the galleries in the Rosalind S. Richardson Center for the Arts during ArtWalk, then plan to bike downtown for the rest of the ArtWalk tour. The group will meet behind RSRCA after Peter Schmunck’s 5:30pm lecture. Maps will be provided for *Bike to Work* and *Bike to ArtWalk*. The group will gather at RJ Rockers at 8:00pm for Art on Tap. Join the Wofford Sustainability Committee for these two fun events.

September 28th
5:00pm-8:00pm
GOLS

Glendale Outdoor Leadership School Open House: GOLS is under new ownership. Come meet the staff and tour the grounds! 270 Wheeling Circle, Glendale, SC 29346.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Bath Spa University – MA Literature, Landscape and Environment

Bath Spa University is located in the English countryside at Corsham Court campus in Wiltshire, England and offers a MA in Literature, Landscape and Environment. The program transitions from undergraduate work to researching and writing at a post-graduate level. It offers environmental writing and ecocriticism with regional resources and opportunities for fieldwork in this one-year fulltime or two-year part-time program.

The MA examines how literature reflects and shapes the way in which we see the landscape and the

environment. It is designed for students interested in further study or for those looking for careers in the rapidly expanding green industry.

One of our past Santee Cooper Lecture Series guest speakers, Terry Gifford, has taught as a visiting scholar at BSU’s Centre for Writing and Environment since 2011. His classes include modern poetry, creative writing research, and literature and environment.

For more information about this program, visit <http://literaturelandenvironment.org.uk/>