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# The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



*Dr. Savage's ENVS203 class spent Monday afternoon floating down the river.*



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## *Sustainability Committee Hosts Bike Around Events*

*by Dr. Peter Brewitt*

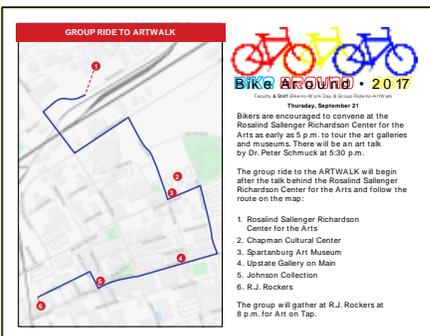


*(Above) Cyclists met on the Mary Black Rail Trail to bike to Wofford as a group. The Wofford Sustainability Committee wants to show there are sustainable solutions to our daily commutes. (Below) The downtown ArtWalk provided an opportunity for bikers to end their day with a tour of the galleries and enjoy a beverage.*

Heading across town for an 8AM class is better when you're on a bike. At 7:30, the heat of the day hasn't settled in on to Spartanburg yet. The light is low and soft. As I turn on to the Rail Trail, I see all of Spartanburg represented on the trail – kids getting ready for school, old men walking with old friends, Clayton Whisnant getting a jog in before teaching history. I chug up the hill toward town, roll down, and get in to the classroom much refreshed, happier and perkier than, probably, anyone else on campus.

bike bottles from Bike Worx and coffee from Little River Roasting – both of these were provided for free by those businesses. You should patronize them! There were also breakfast options, healthy and...less healthy. In the evening, riders will roll down Magnolia Street to the ArtWalk before quaffing a special RJ Rockers beer, brewed for the occasion, called Midnight Rider -it is delicious. The pint glass the beer comes in is free from them – brewmaster Taylor White is a 2012 Environmental Studies grad. Hopefully more and more people, faculty, staff, and student, will ride to, from, and around Wofford, now and in the future. The sustainability committee, the campus group devoted to making Wofford more sustainable in all ways, hopes to bring back a Bike Around day in the spring semester.

On September 21, all of Wofford's faculty and staff had the chance to experience this on Bike Around day. It started with a Bike to Work where three guided rides took little pelotons of Terriers from Hampton Heights and Duncan Park downtown. There, riders were rewarded with



## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

**September 26<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30pm  
Leonard Auditorium

**David Brooks New York Times Columnist:** Brooks will give a lecture on today's political climate. A *NYT* columnist since 2003, he writes on politics, culture and the social sciences. He is currently a commentator for *PBS NewsHour*, *NPR's All Things Considered*, and *NBC's Meet the Press*, as well as the author of several books, and teacher at Yale University.

**September 28<sup>th</sup>**  
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.

**September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00am-11:00am  
Cottonwood Trail

**Trail Clean Up Day:** Partners for Active Living & Trees Coalition are hosting this event along the Cottonwood Trail. Volunteers will be removing invasive plants along the trail. Wear long pants and bring your own water. Contact Newt Hardie, 864-582-0990 or Ned Barrett, [nbarrett@active-living.org](mailto:nbarrett@active-living.org) to sign up.

**October 24<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00am  
Anna Todd Wofford Room

**Opening Session for Wofford Culture of Sustainability Lecture Series:** Join us for a discussion of the state of sustainability at Wofford.

**October 24<sup>th</sup>**  
4:00pm  
Snyder House conference room

**Presentations by First Year LLC Students:** Join us for Dr. Telligman's Living Learning Community as they present topics related to sustainability.

**October 25<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00pm  
Olin 101

**Milliken Sustainability and Public Health Lecture:** Dr. Juan Declet-Barreto is a geographer specializing in vulnerability and human health outcomes of environmental hazards aggravated by climate change. He will speak on *Environmental and Social Science at the Policy-Research Interface*.

**October 30<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00pm  
Anna Todd Wofford Room

**Wofford Culture of Sustainability Lecture Series:** Nathaniel Smith is director of partnerships of equitable development at Emory University's Center for Community Partnerships and the founder of Partnership for Southern Equity. He will be here to speak on community sustainability.

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## PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

### *University of Montana –Environmental Studies Program*

The University of Montana offers a MS degree in Environmental Studies (EVST) and a joint MS/JD degree in EVST and their Law Program.

The Master's degree in EVST is flexible. Students can design their own study programs with focus areas in Environmental Education, Environmental Justice, Environmental Law, Environmental Science, Environmental Writing, Sustainable Food and Farming, and other courses of interest throughout the University.

Along with their study interests there are opportunities for students to get involved with

groups outside the classroom. *Camas* is an environmental journal that is edited and published by EVST graduate students each semester.

*Transboundary Initiative* is a collaborative program between students at UM and the University of Calgary in Canada "focusing on the trans-border ecosystem straddling the spine of the Rockies."

These are just two of the many on-going projects UM graduate students are involved in. Visit <http://www.cas.umt.edu/evst/graduate/default.php> for more information.