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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

Ecopoet Terry Gifford made time to visit Glendale Shoals during his visit to Wofford this week.



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Poets and Presentations in the ENVS Department

Poetry in Environmental Humanities

This week British ecopoet, critic, and teacher Terry Gifford visited Wofford to share his knowledge and enthusiasm with our environmental studies students, first through a lunch-time well-attended “Pizza with the Ecopoet” mini-lecture on a single poem by Edward Thomas, and then in a two-hour class session with John Lane’s environmental humanities class. There, Terry lectured on the literary categories of pastoral/post-pastoral and placed his own latest poetry collection, *Feast of Fools*, in that context. Terry’s book explores one theme that many of us ponder: what to make of a carbon-spewing life of travel in an age of Climate Disruption? His eco-fool has much to say about that.

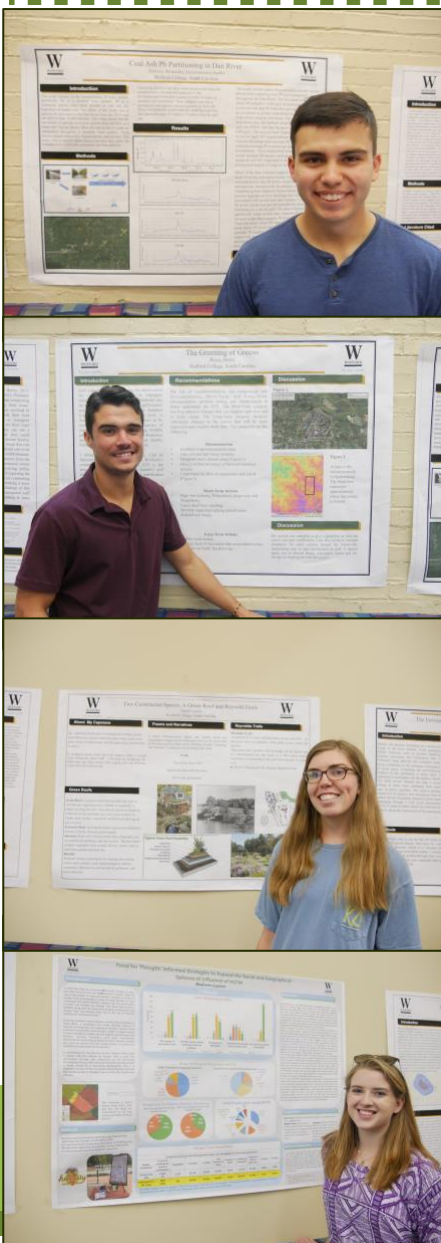
Terry is exemplary of the poet-scholar and everyone seemed to like the idea of an informal food-centered encounter with a visitor to our department, so we hope to do this again soon!

Capstone Presentations

Seniors Annie Allison, Riley Garrison, and Harry Hanna presented their capstone projects on Thursday afternoon followed by a poster session to highlight all of our ENVS seniors and their capstone projects. See complete list below:

- Annie Allison**~ “American Meat Culture”: Environmental & Ethical Outcomes of the Chicken Industry
- Nick Bermudez**~ Coal Ash Pb Partitioning in the Dan River
- Jess Borucki**~ Analysis of the Sustainability of Oyster Harvesting and Consumption in the Chesapeake Bay
- Tyler Cable**~ WastED: Understanding Barriers and Drivers of Composting Food Waste in Local Food Establishment
- Riley Garrison**~ The Poet’s Garden
- Madison Guyton**~ Food for Thought: Informed Strategies to Expand the Social and Geographical Spheres of Influence of HCFM
- Harry Hanna**~ Effects of Switchgrass Intercropping on Industrial Timber Farms in South Carolina Lowcountry and Determining Best Locations for Switchgrass (*Panicum Virgatum*) Agriculture
- Natalie Lassiter**~ Two Constructed Spaces: A Green Roof and Reynolda Trails
- Jordan Leonard**~ Surveying the Food Environment of the North Side
- Bryce Motes**~ The Greening of Greens
- Aleah Qureshi**~ The Effectiveness of Monarch Café and Hub City Farmers’ Market in Feeding the Northside: Perspectives from Two Communities
- Cole Richardson**~ Impact of Sea Level Rise on Salinity Intrusion and its Effects on Coastal Ecosystems and the Livelihood of People Along the Coast in Georgetown, South Carolina
- Bella Santoro**~ The Environmental Impacts of Food Packaging: Metal vs Plastic
- Will Zeigler**~ SfM Modeling of the Butterfly Branch of Fairforest Creek Restoration: A Case Study in Photogrammetric 3D Mapping by UAV

Top to Bottom: Nick Bermudez, Bryce Motes, Natalie Lassiter, and Madison Guyton with their capstone posters.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Ongoing

Week-long Summer Course – Examining Marine Climate Change: June 25-July 2, Appledore Island, Maine. Students will examine evidence of the Earth’s changing climate, the greenhouse effect and natural forcing on global climate, sea-level rise, alterations to ocean chemistry and temperature, marine ecological impacts, human coastal impacts, and possible policy solutions. See [Shoals Marine Laboratory](#) for more information.

Ongoing

Until spots are full

Ecosystem Field Studies (EcoFS) Summer Courses: 3-credit, field science courses in either the Caribbean (June 7-27) or Colorado (July 25-August 14). For all course information and how to apply visit [EcoFS.org](#).

Ongoing

Until position is filled

Summer Internship with The Trust for Public Land: 10-week, paid internship in Atlanta, GA to coordinate with partners as an ambassador for the master planning process in a project to create a 100-mile long park with trails along the Chattahoochee River from Buford Dam to Chattahoochee Bend State Park. See the [attached letter](#) and contact Walt Ray (walt.ray@tpl.org), Chattahoochee Program Director to apply.

April 2018

Job Opportunity with YMCA Camp Thunderbird: Environmental education instructors needed for seasonal positions to work with 3rd-8th graders. Currently seeking instructors for the spring session, but also need instructors for this coming fall session too. Contact Susannah Bryant '16: bryantse@email.wofford.edu for more information.

April 21st

10:00am-4:00pm

Unitarian Universalist Church

210 Henry Place

Spartanburg Earth Day Festival: A community festival celebrating stewardship, sustainability, and our amazing planet Earth. To learn more about this event, visit: <http://www.spartanburgearthday.org/index.html>.

April 27th

4:00pm

Downtown Spartanburg

14th Annual Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System Criterium: Make plans to be in downtown Spartanburg for the #FASTESTNIGHT. The Crit is a closed-circuit, multi-lap cycling race through downtown. Visit their [website](#) for event details, course map, and opportunities to volunteer.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

University of Georgia – Master of Agricultural and Environmental Education

The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of Georgia offers a Master of Agricultural and Environmental Education degree (MAEE). The program is 36 semester hours and includes a thesis or non-thesis option with classes being completed online or on campus.

Students learn to teach in leadership positions, educate and communicate with the public, and conduct research within the agricultural and environmental sciences. The program’s mission is to develop leaders, educators, and communicators to

engage in food systems that are environmentally and socially sustainable.

The UGA faculty, highly rated for their teaching, research, and outreach programs, offer personal attention, supportive educational environment, and a small school atmosphere at a large university.

Visit: [Graduate School – University of Georgia – Agricultural and Environmental Education](#)