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# The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

*ENVS 101 students spent the first lab class of spring semester on a walking tour of Glendale and studying the history of the area.*



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*Dr. Bradham's ENVS338 students also visited Glendale Shoals to collect data from the trail cameras. Along the way, they collected animal bones from the remains of a recent meal.*



## *Interim in South Africa by Wade Wood '22*

During interim I was lucky to be able to visit South Africa with Drs. Green and Gonzalez and spend some time in Johannesburg, Hermanus, Cape Town, and Kruger National Park. One of the highlights of the trip was the last few days of travel that we spent on Safari, which allowed us to experience the natural world a lot more directly than we had throughout the rest of the trip. Getting the opportunity to see elephants, giraffes, wildebeest, zebras, wild dogs, leopards, rhinos, and so many more animals in their natural habitat rather than a zoo was a unique and possibly once in a lifetime experience. On our second day on

Safari we even got the chance to watch a wild zebra being born. Our tracker, who had worked in the bush for over twenty years, had never seen a zebra birth before that morning, which just served as a reminder of how incredibly lucky we all were to have this experience. At the end of the trip many of the students on the trip agreed that they may never be able to enjoy zoos again after seeing how happy and free the animals seemed when they weren't confined to an enclosure. I am exceptionally grateful to have been able to spend time in South Africa and experience the amazing landscapes, wildlife, and plant life that makes the environment there so special.



*Animals on Safari during January 2020 Interim.*

*Photos courtesy of Amelia Anne Marsh*

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

*\*These count toward your two required extracurricular events for the semester.*

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
9:00am-noon  
Cottonwood Trail  
499 Beechwood Drive, 29307

**Cottonwood Trail Storm Clean-Up Day:** Spartanburg Area Conservancy is in the midst of a major clean-up after the storm. Please sign up on [Eventbrite](#) to volunteer this Saturday. Safety hazards include splinters, nails, and heavy lifting so all volunteers are required to wear long clothing as well as gloves and closed toe shoes or boots.

**February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
4:00pm  
Olin 101

**Craftivism: Merging Science, Art and Policy for Global Change\*:** Dr. Katharine Owens will give an interactive talk about how change-makers can merge science, art, and policy to effect change on environmental issues of global. She has carried out numerous projects to collect and communicate data related to environmental issues to shape public policy. Her talk at Wofford is informed by her experiences in collaborative and participatory environmental advocacy with students and communities in the US and in India.

**February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
11:00am  
Leonard Auditorium, Main  
Building

**Coffee, Frogs & Workers: Conservation in the Anthropocene\*:** Dr. Paul Robbins, Director of the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is the guest lecturer for the Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Program.

**February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00pm  
Hub City Bookshop

**Book Reading and Reception with Dr. Paul Robbins:** Hub City Bookshop will host a book reading and discussion of Dr. Robbins books and writings.

**March 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**

**C2C Fellows Workshop at Bard Center for Environmental Policy:** Undergraduates and recent graduates aspiring to leadership positions in sustainable policy, politics and business can [apply](#) for this upcoming workshop. A \$30 registration fee is due upon acceptance to the workshop – meals and housing included.

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**  
3:00-4:30pm  
Room TBD

**Date Changed: ENVS Senior Seminar Capstone Presentations\*:** Join us as our seniors display and discuss their capstone projects. Drop in or out as you are able during the presentations.

**Ongoing**

**Job Opportunities in Conservation and Restoration:** [The Great Basin Institute](#) is a nonprofit organization that specializes in conservation and restoration all throughout the West. They are currently hiring for over 60 paid positions ranging from ecological monitoring, wildlife monitoring, trail maintenance, range land management, and fuels reduction.

## PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

### *Indiana University – Bloomington – School of Public and Environmental Affairs*

US News & World Report ranks Indiana University's graduate program in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs as #1 in the nation. Bloomington is one of the nation's "Top Ten College Towns" and Forbes magazine ranks it #1 for Work-Life balance.

IU-Bloomington's School of Public & Environmental Affairs (SPEA) offers a MPA with a concentration in Environmental Policy and Natural Resource Management, a Master of Environmental Sustainability (MES), a MS in Environmental Science (MSES), and a

one-of-kind dual program in Public Administration and Environmental Science (MPA/MSES). SPEA's MPA program has a top ranked concentration in Environmental Policy and Management.

These nationally recognized programs offer students the opportunity to become environmental experts from the largest school of public administration and public policy in the U.S.

[IUB – O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs](#)