

Wofford College

## Digital Commons @ Wofford

---

The Fierce Green Fire

Environmental Studies

---

3-13-2020

### The Fierce Green Fire: Vol. 10 Issue 18

Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.wofford.edu/fiercegreenfire>

---

#### Recommended Citation

Wofford College Environmental Studies Program, "The Fierce Green Fire: Vol. 10 Issue 18" (2020). *The Fierce Green Fire*. 237.

<https://digitalcommons.wofford.edu/fiercegreenfire/237>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Environmental Studies at Digital Commons @ Wofford. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Fierce Green Fire by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ Wofford. For more information, please contact [stonerp@wofford.edu](mailto:stonerp@wofford.edu).

# The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

*Dr. Jen Bradham, our newest ENVS professor, enjoys time spent at field research sites throughout South America.*



Volume 10, Issue 18

## *Introducing Dr. Bradham: Our Newest ENVS Professor*



*Dr. Telligman's ENVS 101 students visited Lake Conestee Nature Preserve to learn about their Brownfields project, the role of the LC Dam in protecting the downstream Reedy River, historical effects of pollution on the surrounding community, and the strategy for managing pollution at the site.*

Hi everyone! I'm the newest addition to the Wofford ENVS Department, and I am absolutely thrilled to be here! I was actually born in South Carolina and graduated from the College of Charleston with a B.S. in Geology. After that, I decided California seemed like an awesome place to be, so I moved to the west coast and completed a masters in paleontology at the University of California, Santa Barbara. After a bit of time off traveling the world and teaching high school, I returned to school and earned a Ph.D. in Ecology through the Environmental Sciences Department at Vanderbilt University.

My research lies at the intersection of tropical ecosystem conservation and anthropogenic land use change. With this work, I aim to find solutions for creating sustainable ecosystems that preserve native species while also balancing sustainable development decisions that support the livelihoods of those in rural and agricultural communities. Specifically, I use large mammals as proxies for defining wildlife land use

needs to establish which aspects of an ecosystem are critical for conservation and which may be appropriate for human development. To date my field sites have been located throughout South America, but I look forward to also establishing research more locally in the surrounding Spartanburg area as well as the southern Appalachians.

This semester I am teaching two courses with labs, *Terrestrial Ecology* and *Quantitative Methods and Models in Environmental Science*. Thank you to all the amazing students currently in my classes who have made my first semester at Wofford so wonderful. Next year, I'll add two additional courses to my teaching repertoire, *Global Climate Change* and *Introduction to Earth Systems Science*. I LOVE teaching intro classes because it's an opportunity to share the awesomeness of Earth Science with those who think they aren't scientists (we all are natural scientists!) and Climate Change is one of my favorite subjects so the next year promises more fun and exciting adventures here at Wofford!

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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

<p><b>March 15<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Proposal submission deadline</i></p>	<p><b>Submit Research Proposals for the 2020 Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance Conference:</b> The theme of this year's symposium is <i>Environmental Legacy: It's Our Story. Past, Present, and Future</i>. <a href="#">Link here for information</a>. Accepted proposals will be notified by April 15<sup>th</sup>. This year's symposium will be held September 24, 2020 in Columbia, SC.</p>
<p><b>March 19<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00pm <i>Rosalind S. Richardson Center for the Arts</i></p>	<p><b>Event Cancelled – Quilted Stories*:</b> Join us for a gallery walk with Humanities Scholar Laurel Horton as part of the quilt exhibit now on display through March 21<sup>st</sup>. The exhibition features quilts of Wofford faculty and staff, displaying storytelling and shared cultural connections. Sponsored by Wofford Cultural Affairs Committee and South Carolina Humanities.</p>
<p><b>March 26<sup>th</sup></b> 2:30-5:30pm <i>Gray-Jones Room, Burwell</i></p>	<p><b>Event Cancelled – Tyson Family Lecture Series – Panel Discussion*:</b> <i>Environmental Studies, Liberal Arts and the Future</i> with panelists Dr. Ellen Goldey, Centre College; Dr. Drew Lanham, Clemson University; and Dr. Jim Warren, Washington &amp; Lee University. Moderated by Dr. Kaye Savage.</p>
<p><b>March 26<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00pm <i>Olin 101</i></p>	<p><b>Event Cancelled – Tyson Family Lecture Series Featured Speaker*:</b> <i>The Greening of Wofford</i> will feature guest speaker John Lane, Professor of Environmental Studies. Introduction by Dr. Laura Barbas-Rhoden.</p>
<p><b>March 28<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00am-2:00pm <i>Spartanburg County Admin Building, 366 N. Church Street, 29303</i></p>	<p><b>12<sup>th</sup> Annual Spartanburg County Household Hazardous Waste Collection &amp; Rain Barrel Sale:</b> Spartanburg County residents may bring household hazardous waste to be disposed of. <a href="#">Link here</a> to find a list of acceptable and unacceptable items. Rain barrels will be available for \$95 (<i>cash / check only</i>). This event is rain or shine.</p>
<p><b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b> <i>Application Deadline</i></p>	<p><b>Job Openings with Sustaining Way located in Greenville:</b> Visit <a href="#">Indeed.com</a> to apply for job openings as a Sustainable Education Coordinator and an Engagement Coordinator. <a href="#">Sustaining Way</a> is an interfaith non-profit that uses education, collaboration, and workforce development to cultivate a thriving, sustainable environment in the historic Nicholatown community of Greenville, SC.</p>
<p><b>Ongoing</b></p>	<p><b>Summer Courses through University of Montana:</b> A 3-week Wilderness Policy and Packing course (June8-26) and a 5-day Wilderness Pack Trip (June29-July3) combine to a <a href="#">4-week, 5-credit summer course</a> in wilderness policy and horse/mule packing and learning how to travel the wilderness with horses and mules and maintain trails in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. Scholarships available.</p>

## PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

### *Western Carolina University – MS in Experiential and Outdoor Education*

Western Carolina's College of Education Allied Professions is offering a new two-year, residential hybrid degree program in Experiential and Outdoor Education starting in August 2020. Priority applications are currently being accepted through May 1, 2020.

The first year combines online coursework and face-to-face coursework including a one-week intensive course on campus followed by four weekends each in the fall and spring. The second year allows students to choose their course format (online or in

person) to complete required elective coursework and a thesis or project. This makes the program ideal for non-formal educators to pursue a graduate degree and remain employed full-time in outdoor and educational programs.

This program is pending accreditation from *Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)*.

[Western Carolina – MS in Experiential and Outdoor Education](#)