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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

Dr. John Simmons accepts his Distinguished Citizen Award from colleague Morgan Jordan, director of Wofford's Lifelong Learning program.



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Animal sightings from the ENVS334 garden. Mr. Squirrel is particularly fond of the mustard greens.

“May” Your Hearts Always Be Joyful

By Dr. Peter Brewitt

Spring course selection may be upon us, but if you look out to the horizon of the academic year, [two wondrous opportunities](#) for environmental studies students shimmer on the horizon, after graduation, in May.

The first is in Copenhagen, Denmark. Along with being a gorgeous fairy tale of a city, Copenhagen, and Denmark overall, is one of the world leaders in sustainability. If you want a glimpse of the near future, of green urban living, of stately old grandeur with bike lanes beneath it, of surprising hyper-local delicious food, you will find it there. Drs. Telligman and Salley are leading the course. [Check it out.](#)

The second opportunity, a totally different but equally rich experience, is in Patagonia, Arizona. Dr. John Simmons, working with Borderlands Restoration, is running a course in the high desert of southern Arizona. This

area, known as the Mountain Empire, is one of the wilder regions of the United States – they have jaguars there – but has been impacted by grazing and other development. Restoring natural function and habitat connectivity are important everywhere, but few places have more ecological potential than these mountains. [Check it out.](#)

I would be remiss here if I did not note that on Saturday Dr. Simmons was honored with Wofford’s Distinguished Citizen award. A medical doctor for most of his professional life, he chairs the Lifelong Learning Advisory Committee, teaches meditation, helps run interim internships at the Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center, and (the way you probably know him) teaches our Health and the Environment course. In addition, he’s just a wonderful guy. Environmental Studies and Wofford are lucky to have Dr. Simmons.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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

October 26th
Application Deadline

Graduate Student Job Opening at USGS National Minerals Information Center: See job details and requirements at www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/544909100.

October 30th
Application Deadline

New May 2020 Travel-Study Programs: Are you interested in studying away from campus this upcoming May 2020? Wofford is offering two new programs led by Dr. Telligman and Dr. Simmons that are connected to spring 2020 courses and offer travel components May 18-29. Apply today!

October 30th
3:30pm
Milliken's Customer Center
920 Milliken Road, 29303

Milliken & Company – Conversation on Sustainability*: Join Milliken for the public launch of their sustainability goals with keynote speaker Brian Skerry, a National Geographic photographer and fellow. Reception to follow in the Milliken Arboretum. [Register here](#) for this free event.

October 31st
Application Deadline

South Carolina Wildlife Federation's Nicole Chadwick Memorial Scholarship: \$500 scholarships are awarded to women in environmental fields at SC colleges and universities. [Link here](#) for more information on this and other scholarships.

November 7th
5:30-7:30pm
Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 502 S. Daniel Morgan Ave., 29306

Toward a More Walkable Spartanburg*: How can we improve walkability and build it beyond downtown? Come learn from urban designer and walkability expert Jeff Speck. Sponsored by *Upstate Forever, Piedmont Natural Gas, Mary Black Foundation, OneSpartanburg, Spartanburg Area Transportation Study, City of Spartanburg, and Partners for Active Living*. [Register for this free event](#).

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:

Middlebury Institute of International Studies – MA in International Environmental Policy

Middlebury Institute of International Studies, located in Monterey, California, is affiliated with the Graduate School of Middlebury College. It offers a Master of Arts in International Environmental Policy (IEP), which focuses on an international scope instead of just on U.S. policy issues. Four specialized tracks are offered in Natural Resource Policy & Management, Ocean & Coastal Resource Management, Intercultural Competence, and Sustainability Management.

Along with the core course and elective specialization course work, there is also a language of study and/or intercultural course work requirement.

This area of California is home to marine and ocean conservation and policy as well as the “greentech” revolution and other environmental groups and there are many opportunities to collaborate with these environmental institutions.

Thanks to generous donors, minimum \$10,000 scholarships are guaranteed and available to all IEP students who request that consideration in their application.

[Middlebury Institute of International Studies](#)