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Dam removal site in Columbus, Ohio.

Same River Twice by Dr. Peter Brewitt

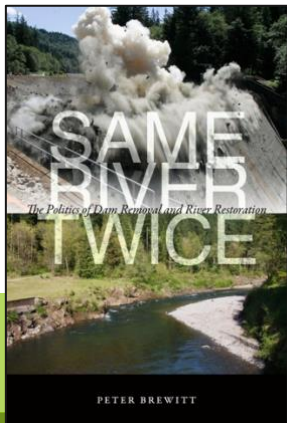


Dr. Brewitt and group toured the city of Columbus, Ohio by bike during his recent trip to the American Society of Environmental History conference.

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, a young graduate student named Peter Brewitt heard that the American Society for Environmental History conference was taking place in San Francisco, just 90 minutes north of his beachside community. So, on a whim, he rolled up the peninsula, and there ran into an editor named Mary Braun, who worked for the Oregon State University Press. He told her of a dream he had, to make his dissertation, which was at that time only a bubbling kettle of half-written ideas, into a book. To his joyful surprise, she encouraged this dream. Five years later, that dream is his book: [Same River Twice: The Politics of Dam Removal and River Restoration](#).

So (switching into the present tense) when Mary asked me to go to ASEH this year and do a book signing, I couldn't say no. This past weekend, I

flew up to Columbus, Ohio to dork out a bunch, see the Midwest (the part of our nation I know least) and autograph a few paperbacks. I can report that Columbus is a pretty nice spot, full of interesting old buildings and much bigger than the college town I'd expected, and that people there care about college football almost as much as southerners do. The talks were terrific (ENVS 317 students, brace yourselves for some piping-hot historical knowledge), and I even got to see Dr. Bart Elmore, Ohio State professor and Friend of Wofford Environmental Studies, when he led a bike tour around the city – including a dam removal site! I did not, I must admit, sign too many books (no surprise, hardly anyone has read it yet) but it was inspiring to be around so many interesting scholars and to reconnect with Oregon State Press, all these years later.



Dr. Brewitt's new book

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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

April 25th

5:00pm Submissions due
Rosalind S Richardson Center
for the Arts, pottery room

April 27th

9:00am-11:00am
Spartan High Tennis
Court parking lot

April 26th – April 29th

Amnesty International Recycled Art Competition: Celebrate Earth Week with Amnesty International! Submit your artwork made with recycled materials along with contact information. Prizes awarded. Contact Hana Barazi, barazihb@email.wofford.edu

Spartanburg Area Conservancy Cottonwood Stream Cleanup*: Join SPACE for a cleanup day at the Cottonwood Trail. [Sign up here](#) and wear closed-toe shoes, gloves, and clothes that can get wet. *Date changed from April 20 to April 27 due to expected rain.*

City Nature Challenge 2019: Help Spartanburg County compete against 125 cities worldwide to see which one can observe the most nature over a 4-day period. Participating is easy! Find wildlife, take pictures of what you find, upload and share your observations. Visit <http://www.tygerriver.org/naturechallenge.php> for more information and to download the app.

June 15th

Application Deadline

Schiele Museum of Natural History Internship Opportunity: Fall and spring semester 2019-2020 part-time environmental education internships in a museum setting. Visit [Schiele Museum Internships](#) for more information.

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.

A new painting by artist Roger Nelson, in Great Oaks Hall, provides a relaxing scene with many treasured details to appreciate. The painting, a memorial for environmental studies and art student MacGregor Ruffin, class of 2017, was commissioned by her parents. An event is planned for Fall 2019.



PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

University of Georgia – College of Environment and Design

The University of Georgia's College of Environment and Design (CED) is one of the many areas of study that the school offers to graduate students who are interested in sustainability and the environment. There are three master's degrees in Landscape Architecture (MLA), Environmental Planning & Design (MEPD), and Historic Preservation (MHP).

CED programs are constantly ranked in the top 10 in the nation and their landscape architecture is one of the oldest graduate programs in the country. The highly-regarded historic preservation program is one

of only two programs in the US to offer a joint Juris Doctorate.

CED has added a professional degree enhancement to its curriculum for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accreditation, which is a highly regarded credential for graduates looking to be hired. There are also a number of certificate programs that can help students enhance and specialize their primary degree.

[UGA – College of Environment and Design](#)