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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

Seniors in ENVS 450 are adapting to their weekly Zoom meetings with Rev. Robinson and Prof. Lane



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Complete This Brief Survey

Hi All!

My team and I are developing a business for an entrepreneurship class project. We would love it if you could provide some customer feedback by just answering this one question regarding our product. The product, called a ShellPack, is marketed predominantly towards outdoor enthusiasts and is a medium-sized, lightweight hiking backpack with an attachable umbrella folded up on the bottom of the bag. By un-velcroing some straps, it is designed to be pulled up over your bag and head to become a hands-free, UV protective, durable umbrella.

Thank you so much for your feedback! We really appreciate it.

*Sincerely,
Addie Meredith
Environmental Studies Major '20*



The Way Spring Otter Be by Dr. Peter Brewitt

In this odd season, as we all find ourselves stuck in place, we have, it seems, been forced to think bigger and smaller than we usually do. The bigger part is obvious – I haven't had to consider richer and poorer or sickness and health this much since my wedding vows – but I find myself valuing the smaller and subtler details of quarantine life.

These days I spend nearly all my time in the Duncan Park neighborhood, a couple miles south of campus. It's a nice but commonplace spot, a mid-century development built around a New Deal artificial lake, with high faculty biodiversity. Over the past few weeks, it has been bursting with nature. We have a flock of feral Muscovy Ducks with their strange bumpy red faces paddling in amongst the assertive Canada geese. We have turtles, packed in shell by shell, on every log. We even – the highlight of the

season – have an otter, an animal I have never seen in Duncan Park before, popping up in the little wetland above the lake. I wonder how it got here.

It helps, of course, that it's spring. Everywhere else I've lived, spring's the worst season, full of mud and gross weather and angry insects, but here, it is the best season, one of my favorite things about Spartanburg. The flowers start early, and the temperature lets us eat on the porch. When Penny and Lupin and I went for a nature walk (this is homeschooling ENVS-style) we found all the colors of the rainbow represented in nature before we got to the end of the block. While I wholeheartedly wish that life would be more ordinary, I am grateful for the opportunity, enforced though it is, to be present in this space, and to get to pay close attention to my own little corner of the ever-changing world.



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Upcoming Events and Opportunities

May 1st

Application deadline – subject to change as COVID19 situation evolves

Thriving Earth Exchange Community Science Fellowship: Fellows are matched with a community and are responsible for guiding a community science project from idea to impact. This includes getting to know the community, identifying ways science can advance community goals, finding and recruiting partner scientists to assemble a project team, managing and supporting the project, and helping share the team's story and project impact. Fellows are trained and receive ongoing support from AGU Thriving Earth Exchange staff, including a dedicated community science mentor, and a peer group of Fellows. [See their link for more information and how to apply.](#)

Ongoing

Until courses are full

3-Credit Ecosystem Field Studies in Colorado: Study, camp and hike in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado July25-August14. [Learn more about the program.](#)

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Until courses are full

Tatoosh School – Summer Field Studies in Southeast Alaska: 3-week and 6-week courses still available for summer 2020 or look at applying for summer 2021 courses. Explore Alaska and earn credit towards your degree. [See course details.](#)

Ongoing

Summer Courses through University of Montana: A 3-week Wilderness Policy and Packing course (June8-26) and a 5-day Wilderness Pack Trip (June29-July3) combine to a [4-week, 5-credit summer course](#) 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.



A bird's eye view on April 12th of the new Chandler Center for Environmental Studies

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

University of Utah – Environmental Humanities

The environmental humanities program at The University of Utah is a 2-year post baccalaureate degree concentrating on the humanities perspective and how it intersects with and influences public policy, scientific, legal, industrial, and corporate concerns.

The university offers a unique opportunity to use this western landscape for field study and research at their Taft-Nicholson Center in Salt Lake City. Their mission is to bridge the arts and humanities with the sciences while promoting environmental awareness

and personal connections in nature.

Both MA and MS degrees are available. The MA requires an approved language component and the MS requires three research methods courses.

The three options for completing this degree include a thesis, project, or non-thesis with varying requirements for course work hours.

[University of Utah – Environmental Humanities](#)