Professor Lane is Still Upright and Headed Downstream
by Dr. Peter Brewitt

On Tuesday evening I had the honor of interviewing John Lane, emeritus professor of Environmental Studies, Founding Father of our department, and river skald. The occasion was the publication of his most recent book, Still Upright and Headed Downstream – it’s a collection of his river writing, from the early 1980s to the 2020s. We gathered in a jovial but attentive throng on the Glendale porch to hear John reflect on his decades wielding paddles and pens, considering what’s changed, what hasn’t, and what the future might hold. I think I speak for everyone when I say it was delightful.

As I read the book (like you should – it’s great!) I enjoyed following John’s arc from a peppery young kayaker, chasing adrenaline from rapid to rapid in the southern mountains, to the questing Environmental Studies professor I met in 2014, to a mature and broad-minded adventurer paddling slower, deeper waters. One of the things John often says is “Way leads on to way,” and we see that as lifelong pursuits and passions flow like a braided stream through the pages. It offers inspiration and guidance, I think, to most of us – especially to our students as they make their way through and beyond Wofford. Not everyone is a poet or a boater, but everyone has things that bring them meaning and joy. Pursuing these, body, mind, and spirit, as you and the world change through the years, has made John’s life richer and more fun. I aspire to the same.

Dr. Telligman’s ENVS160 lab visited Wofford’s campus facilities to do a recycling audit. The students sorted through bags of trash to determine what items destined for the landfill could be recovered and recycled in a different way.
Upcoming Events and Opportunities

April 16th
9:00-11:00am
Duncan Park Stadium

Trail Clean Up at Duncan Park: Register here with PAL. Bring gloves and any useful tools to fight back the ivy, privet, and other invasive plants that threaten our trees and trails.

April 21st
11:00am
Register for Zoom Link

Virtual Talk by Bomee Yung: Climate Justice, Health Equity, and Housing Quality: Understanding Connections Are you interested in understanding the implications of climate change for health, housing, and well-being? Hear from experienced climate leader Bomee Jung about the relationship between climate justice and housing, and why understanding those connections is important for those working for health equity. Bomee Jung is an expert in climate mitigation and adaptation and served as the first-ever Vice President for Energy and Sustainability New York City Housing Authority.

April 22nd
3:00-6:00pm
Goodall Center, 351 Broadway Street, Glendale 29346

Celebrate Earth Day with self-care at Glendale: We will have yoga (4:30-5:15), grounding nature walks, a demonstration of botanical brewing (3:30pm), herbal tea, time to hammock, and music! Please encourage people to bring their own mugs for tea, towels/yoga mat for yoga, and hammocks to relax. Contact Molly Bradach, bradachme@email.wofford.edu for more information.

April 26th
7:00pm
Register for Zoom Link

Virtual Talk with April Anson: Public Lands, the Sacred, and the Suffocating Archive of American Ecofascism What is ecofascism, and how has it shaped headline-making events in the US and global contexts? This talk offers insights about ecofascist ideology, how ecofascism relates to apocalypticism in US contexts, and why understanding the history of ecofascism matters for those working for more just and inclusive socioenvironmental futures.

Ongoing

Job Opportunity with Spartanburg Area Conservancy – Conservation Director

Job Opportunities with the US Forest Service

Job Opportunities at Teton Science School

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Yale University – School of Forestry & Environmental Studies

Yale University offers several graduate degrees in the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. The Master of Forestry (MF), the oldest forestry program in the western hemisphere, is “designed for individuals who want to be at the forefront of forest resource management and policy.” The Master of Environmental Management (MEM) “provides students with scientific understanding of ecological and social systems that can be applied in policy or management context.” And the Master of Forest Science (MFS), and Master of Environmental Science (MESc) are designed for students pursuing scientific research in forest related or non-forest related topics.

There are also several opportunities to pursue joint degrees in Management (MBA), Law (JD), Architecture (MArch), International and Development Economics (MA), International Relations (MA), Divinity (MDiv or MAR), and Public Health (MPH).

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