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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

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Litter by Dr. Peter Brewitt



It's easy, after a hard piedmont rainstorm, to tell just how high the floodwaters lifted as they rushed from our little local stream into the Lawsons Fork and the Pacolet and down toward the Broad. What you do, once the rain settles down, is to go down to the creek and observe the level at which garbage lines the banks. Works every time.



Once upon a time, litter wasn't really an issue. Everything we discarded was either swiftly biodegradable or environmentally inoffensive, like obsidian shards or oyster shells. But those days are long gone, and 21st century life produces a disgusting cornucopia of cigarette butts, candy wrappers, Twisted Tea bottles, and runaway birthday balloons. Individually, it's easy to be careless – we all are, sometimes – or to tell yourself, in a

time of inconvenience, that your Kodiak tin won't make much difference on its way from the dashboard to the ditch. You're definitely not going to get in trouble for it. But the rain reveals the scale of all these individual choices, and their aesthetic and ecological effects. The challenge is, what are we going to do about it?

Tomorrow, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, you have a chance to do something about it. There's a litter sweep at Glendale, where so much of Spartanburg's litter washes up. It's not often that you get to have fun and be virtuous at the exact same time, but tomorrow you can. If you're free, head out to Goodall. It could use your help.



Dr. Telligman's ENVS 334 Sustainable Agriculture class purchased plants and seed during class on Thursday morning then spent the afternoon planting their own plots in the Chandler Center garden plaza.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

September 17th

9:00-11:00am

Goodall Center, 351 Broadway
Street, Glendale, 29346

Sweep the Shoals: Help remove unsightly and harmful litter from our beautiful Glendale Shoals. We'll collect litter and contribute the data to the Litter-Free Digital Journal. Register here so that we can have necessary supplies on hand: jsdao@spartanburgcounty.org.

September 17th

9:00-11:00am

Duncan Park

PAL Trail Clean Up at Duncan Park: Bring your gloves and tools for fighting the invasive plant species and join PAL and Trees Coalition for the clean-up day. [Register here](#) to let them know you are coming.

September 21st -23rd

Virtual Conference

Sessions

Association of Energy Engineers World Conference in Atlanta: [Register here for their Energy Efficiency and Sustainability virtual sessions](#). The Conference Speaker Director is our very own Cameron Sonefeld '22!

September 22nd

5:30pm Reception

6:15pm Presentation

Tracy Gaines Auditorium at
SCC

Spartanburg Community College to Host Arboretum Event: [New Naturalism: A Consilient Approach to Horticulture, Ecology, Design and Curation](#). Ticket fee will be waived if you email Dr. Telligman telligmanal@wofford.edu that you'd like to go by September 19th.

October 8th

2:00-7:00pm

3 Drivers Needed: 2022 Tri State Sculptors Conference needs drivers to shuttle conference visitors from the Richardson Arts Center to the Goodall Center in Glendale. Must be 21yo, have a current driver's license, and be willing to drive a 15-passenger van. Drivers should be familiar with the route to Glendale Shoals and be willing to share their phone number with other drivers and conference organizers to coordinate. \$15/hr for 5 hours. If interested, contact Michael Webster, webstermd@wofford.edu.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Wake Forest University – Sustainability Graduate Programs

Wake Forest University offers several options to students looking at sustainability-focused degrees. Two dual-degree programs include a JD/MA in Sustainability and a MDIV/MA in Sustainability.

Candidates for the JD/MA program must apply to both the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Law. Students can combine their interests in legal scholarship with sustainability practices. And candidates to the MDIV/MA in Sustainability program must apply to both the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the

School of Divinity. This program teaches student to be religious leaders who can lead communities to respond to critical ecological and environmental issues.

Their MA in Sustainability is a one-year program with on-campus courses relating to social sciences, humanities, natural sciences, management, and law. Off-site facility visits give students an opportunity to work with professionals beyond campus.

[Sustainability Graduate Programs at Wake Forest](#)
