This past week on Thursday Dr. Katharine Wilkinson talked to the Wofford community and several classes about her research on evangelicals and climate change. Wilkinson is a Sewanee religion graduate, a Rhodes Scholar, and recently completed a DPhil in Geography and the Environment at the University of Oxford. With this background she confirmed how much she enjoyed speaking at liberal arts colleges.

Wilkinson’s three informal and informative presentations introduced many in environmental studies and the larger community to American evangelicals, engagement with “creation care” and a growing commitment to environmental activism in climate change.

The research behind Wilkinson’s talk and her book, Between God and Green (Oxford University Press, 2012), took place over the course of several years as she interviewed both leaders and lay people within the evangelical community, searched historical documents and more recent events, and participated in conferences. The outcome is a richly nuanced and textured picture of how relationships between science, politics, social justice, and religious values influence our response to climate change.
Upcoming Events and Opportunities

October 27th  **Gold Black & Green Tailgate Recycling Initiative with Fierce Green Fire**: Join us from 11:30am until just before kickoff of the Homecoming football game to help hand out recycling bags and get a free t-shirt too. Contact Jan Patton pattonje@email.wofford.edu if you would like to help.

October 27th  **Spartanburg Water Hosts 3rd Annual ‘Pumpkin Pedal’**: Halloween Bike Ride at Lake Blalock Park, 9:00am-3:00pm. This is a recreational ride that takes cyclists through Spartanburg Water’s lakes and watersheds. Register at www.spartanburgwater.org. $25 for early registration/$30 to register at the event.

October 29th  **Help with Halloween Carnival**: Sign up to man the booth at the Halloween Carnival by going to this doodle page: http://www.doodle.com/m2wa3i46ua2kgamm

October 29th  **Deadline for Leadership Role Applications in Fierce Green Fire**: If you are interested in a leadership position in Fierce Green Fire, email Jan Patton (see email above) for information and descriptions of roles.

October 31st  **Deadline for South Carolina Wildlife Federation Scholarships**: Scholarships will be awarded to full-time undergraduate or graduate students studying environmental education. Winners announced in December 2012. See Dr. Savage if you are interested in applying.

November 1st  **Longleaf in the Long Run: Restoring the South’s Richest Forest**: Speaker Rhett Johnson, founder and president of The Longleaf Alliance, will speak as part of the newly established *Tyson Family Lecture on Restoring and Preserving Southern Ecosystems*, which will be an annual event hosted by Environmental Studies. 7:00pm in Olin Teaching Theater.

November 12th  **Fierce Green Fire Meeting**: 8:30pm in BSA 1.

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**PROFILE OF THE WEEK:**

*Columbia University – MPH in Environmental Health Sciences*

The Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University is ranked as one of the top five schools of public health by *U.S. New & World Reports*. The graduate program offers a Masters of Public Health (MPH) in environmental health sciences.

According to their website, “The Department of Environmental Health Science (EHS) investigates how the environment influences human health. Students and faculty collaborate with scientists and health officials across New York City, the country and around the globe to address environmental threats to health in communities worldwide.”

New curriculum for the MPH program is being introduced this semester in the Mailman School of Public Health. Applicants to the program must have had one-year of college math or one semester of pre-calculus and college Biology or Chemistry. For more information visit, http://publichealth.columbia.edu/. 