

# The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

*The end of summer at Goodall brings muscadine and scuppernong grapes to the garden. All are welcome to enjoy a few off the vine!*



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## *We Welcome Dr. Amy Telligman to Wofford!*



I am happy to return to South Carolina after many years away. Growing up, I spent my summers just down the road in Chester County and graduated from Presbyterian College with a biology degree. After PC, I moved to Georgia where I spent time learning about the state while working for The Nature Conservancy of Georgia, visiting rare pitcher plant populations as a volunteer for the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, interning as a plant biologist on a longleaf pine plantation, earning a master's degree in Conservation Ecology & Sustainable Development from the University of Georgia, teaching high school science and enjoying the finer aspects of urban life like dog sitting and community gardens.

Following my stint in Atlanta I moved to Boulder, Colorado where I earned my PhD in Environmental Studies from the University of Colorado. There I studied farmland

protection and preferences for land use practices on protected agricultural lands. I was also involved in efforts to develop a more sustainable campus food system. Most recently I've been living in Alabama working as a postdoctoral researcher in the Rural Sociology Department at Auburn University where I studied the beliefs and attitudes southern, rural consumers have about local foods and beef in particular.

At Wofford I look forward to being a part of the various sustainability initiatives happening on campus and beyond.

*Dr. Telligman represents the first of two new faculty positions made possible by a generous grant from the Romill Foundation to develop the Milliken Sustainability Initiative, in which we will explore connections between environmental and community sustainability, and move forward with positive change.*



*Dr. Ferguson and ENVS senior Ben Thomas spent the summer doing fieldwork for a collaborative research project. The goat came through to investigate!*

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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

- September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30pm-7:00pm ***PBS's 10 Homes That Changed America\****: Viewing and discussion will take place at Chapman Cultural Center, West Wing Conference Room and will feature panelists Mike Henthorn (Henthorn Architecture+Construction), Jessica Holcomb (Spartanburg Housing Authority), and Bill Joslin (McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture).
- September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
4:00pm ***Memorial service in Glendale for MacGregor Ruffin***: Join us at the Goodall Center as we celebrate MacGregor's life!
- September 17<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30am-12:00pm ***Spartanburg Water's Lake Sweep\****: Meet at the Lake Bowen Wardens' Office – registration and breakfast at 7:30am - Busses leaving promptly at 8:00am. Put together your team of 5 and register at [www.spartanburgwater.org](http://www.spartanburgwater.org). Lunch provided and a free t-shirt! Contact [jmoore@spartanburgwater.org](mailto:jmoore@spartanburgwater.org) with questions.
- September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00am-11:00am ***Cottonwood Trail Cleanup Day\****: SPACE is will host a cleanup day in preparation for the "Light Up the Night" light installation and "Shucking Good Time" fundraiser event. Remember to bring your gloves and wear long pants! Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cottonwood-trail-work-day-tickets-27025265296>
- October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30pm-7:00pm ***PBS's 10 Buildings That Changed America\****: Viewing and discussion will take place at Chapman Cultural Center, West Wing Conference Room and will feature panelists Samantha Nicholson, Development Manager for Johnson Development's Spartanburg portfolio and others tapped to share professional insight on lessons from the film that can be applied locally.
- October 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>** ***Yawkey Overnight Trip\****: 10 students have an opportunity to experience the alligator habitat on this 22,000-acre preserve near Georgetown, SC. See Dr. Simmons if you are interested in going, [simmonjw@wofford.edu](mailto:simmonjw@wofford.edu).
- October 20<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00pm ***Milliken Lecture Series on Sustainability and Public Health – Gary Nabhan\****: *Food Genes and Culture: Why Silver Bullet Diets and Quick Genetic Fixes Won't Reduce the Prevalence of Nutrition-Related Diseases*. Join us in Olin 101. Free and open to the public.
- October 24<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30pm-7:00pm ***Mary Black Foundation presents Dr. Ann Kulze, The Happiness Diet***: Learn how to use food to boost happiness, beat stress and unleash your brain's remarkable power. Chapman Cultural Center – refreshments, 5:00-5:30pm. This event is free to the public; please RSVP by October 17 to [lriley@maryblackfoundation.org](mailto:lriley@maryblackfoundation.org).

## PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

### *Auburn University – School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences*

Auburn University offers several graduate degrees in the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences (SFWS) including forestry, natural resources, and wildlife sciences. Areas of research interest include forest biology, ecology forest management, wildlife ecology and management.

As a research facility, Auburn has several outdoor classrooms in addition to its SFWS building on the University's main campus. *Kreher Preserve and Nature Center* is a 120-acre property that offers students opportunities to conduct research, lead

hikes, help with educational programs, or learn different aspects of park management. *The Mary Olive Thomas Demonstration Forest* is a 400-acre property that is used to develop recreation or education management plans and conduct fire behavior plans. *The Dixon Center* is a 5300-acre outdoor classroom and program venue with options for overnight accommodations and is used for summer practicum. *Weagle Woods* is an 11-acre tract on campus that students have used in management projects.

<http://wp.auburn.edu/sfws/students/graduate-study/graduate-degrees/>