

The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



Professor Lane visited Shaver's Creek Environmental Center in Petersburg, PA this summer.



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Long-Term Ecological Reflection by Professor John Lane



Professor Lane spent his summer writing and reflecting!



This summer I was invited to go to Penn State University's Shaver's Creek Environmental Center for a week and take part in their "long-term ecological reflection" program. What that means is that I visited the Center, stayed there in a rustic cabin, and visited six sites that have been visited so far by ten other environmental writers in the first ten years of the program. I was asked to reflect—in either poetry or prose—about each of the sites. Some of what I wrote will be collected next year in a book about the program edited by Ian Marshall, the originator of the Shaver's Creek program.

What makes the program unique is that the plan is for it to continue for 140 more years! That's what I'd call "long term."

While I was in Pennsylvania I thought a great deal about the Goodall Center. As I reflected I

considered history, both human and natural. I tried to think and reflect as deeply as I could. You'll have to wait to see what I came up with.

You may not know it, but when our Goodall Environmental Studies Building opened in 2009 we made a similar commitment to 150 years in Glendale. We bought a ledger to record things in, and we wrote about long-term reflection and put up a plaque about it over our ledger book. We're almost ten years in now! Flip back through it the next time you are in the building and read the plaque.

It would be great if in the future we could establish a series of spots on the property where we could ask visitors, students, faculty, and staff to reflect on Glendale. Maybe in one of our classes this year we'll get our students to make recommendations on the six best places.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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

- September 24th**
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 6th**
5:00pm-10:00pm
Volunteers Needed at SPACE’s Oyster Cook-off. Spartanburg Area Conservancy is looking for 6-8 students to help with setup, running, and breaking down this event. Volunteers will be able to attend for free, receive a SPACE t-shirt, and connect with members of the community. Contact Sam Parrott ’15, sam@spartanburgconservation.org.
- October 6th**
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 14th-15th**
Yawkey Overnight Trip*: 10 students have an opportunity to experience the alligator habitat on this 22,000-acre preserve near Georgetown, SC. Contact Dr. Simmons if you are interested in going, simmonjw@wofford.edu.
- October 20th**
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 24th**
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.
- October 27th**
7:00pm
Santee Cooper Lecture Series - Reimagining Infrastructure*: ENVS will host 3 guest panelists and a movie in Olin 101 as part of our final *Santee Cooper Lecture Series*. Additional events will be hosted with a talk and dinner on Friday (October 28) at 5:00pm and a Saturday (October 29) morning walk at Conestee Nature Park. Details to follow.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

New York University – MA in Environmental Conservation Education

NYU’s Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development offers a MA in Environmental Conservation Education. Students study environmental education, environmental thought, environmental politics, and ecology and can choose from a wide range of electives such as environmental policy, environmental history, economics, biology and education.

NYU’s urban experience offers students the opportunity to intern with well-known organizations such as the Audubon Society, Department of Environmental Protection, and the United Nations.

Also the program offers the opportunity to take classes within NYU’s Steinhardt’s Science Education program and the Wallerstein Collaborative for Urban Environmental Education and the Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.

The program is ideally suited for those who have a demonstrated interest in environmental issues and/or education.

<http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/teachlearn/environmental/>