

# The Fierce Green Fire

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*Iron sculpture in  
L'Anse aux  
Meadows  
Viking site*



## *Summer Adventures of Professor Lane*

*Here are several brief excerpts from the journal I kept on our visit this summer to Newfoundland. Enjoy. JL*

### **Tablelands, Gros Morne, Newfoundland**

Last night, driving back from dinner at Trout Rover, rafts of advance clouds sheathed the ocean and horizon, breaking the last light into a spectrum of illumination. As we drove up The Gulch the Tablelands lit up deep orange, but it was saturated with glow in a way that made the landscape pulse dull and burnt orange. It was Paleolithic in its presence-- reflecting the deep time stamp of its famous geology. It was like a vast umber beast had staggered into our keen as the light passed over the plateau, like a painting from a half a billion years before when the earth's mantle last gathered the last light and flung it right at us.

### **Whales, Quirpon Island**

Watching whales longer than ever

before, entranced by the rhythm of their lives, their slow unthreatened dives. There must have been 25 humpbacks. We watched them roll up, release their long plume of bifurcated breath, and slowly roll back down. The sound of the expelling was ubiquitous, enlivening over the sea before us. Then later on a long hike our movement over the narrow island was punctuated by the sounds of them expelling.



*Newfoundland landscape photos from Professor Lane's summer trip.*



## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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

- October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00pm-7:00pm **Learn about Saha Global Opportunities in Ghana:** A free, online info session to learn more about developing leadership skills, learning about international development, environmental sustainability, and public health while building community access to clean water and electricity for rural villages in Ghana. Register here: <https://www.anymeeting.com/AccountManager/RegEv.aspx?PIID=EC57DF89834F3F>
- October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
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](mailto:sam@spartanburgconservation.org).
- 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. Contact 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).
- October 27<sup>th</sup>**  
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:

### *Lesley University – MS in Ecological Teaching and Learning*

Lesley University's Master of Science program is a nationally recognized environmental education program combining fieldwork and online learning for educators interested in furthering their knowledge of ecology, sustainability, living systems, and ecological education.

Spend two summers (3-week programs) taking part in field experiences, both rural and urban. The program begins with a summer residency along the coast of Maine in Cobscook Bay learning about the complex ecosystem through a full-immersion

experience. In between residencies, students complete online coursework. Participants take courses in keeping a nature journal/sketching, ecological literacy and pedagogy, urban ecosystems, and complete an action research project (equivalent of a thesis) in your workplace. The second summer residency is spent learning about the ecological interactions in the urban ecosystem of Boston.

<http://www.lesley.edu/master-of-science/ecological-teaching-and-learning/>