

The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



*Professor Lane
and his wife Betsy
during their
December trip to
Spain.*



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*During the Fire Ecology Interim,
taught by Dr. Brewitt and Dr.
Fowler, students learned about the
Table Mountain Pine that grows
on rocky outcrops and needs fire to
reproduce otherwise it becomes
extinct.*



*Students in Dr. Telligman's Interim
designed and put together their own
quilts. They also created a
community quilt to be donated to
Habitat for Humanity.*

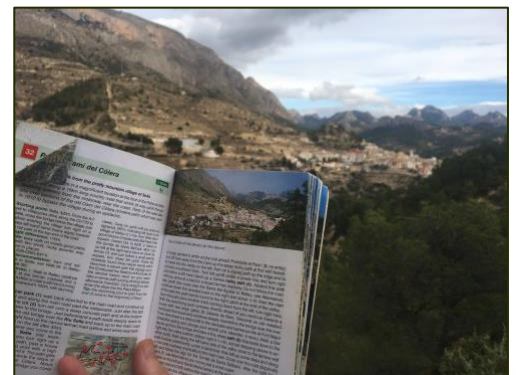
'Planet Earth' by Professor John Lane

I have not fully retired yet, but the college program I have signed on with-- called phased retirement-- gives me and my wife Betsy more time to travel, and it gives me more time to write.

When someone asked Betsy what our plan was for the next few years she replied, "Planet Earth." We are off to a good start. In July we hiked almost three weeks, covering a hundred miles along the cliffs of Cornwall and Wales. In October we packed up the car and drove three weeks through the South-- with me doing readings and writing residencies at a few schools and us both riding a half-dozen rail trails. Then, over Christmas we spent ten days in Spain, most of it in a mountain village surrounded by rock faces rivaling Half-Dome in Yosemite.

On all these trips I continued to write

poems-- my primary literary passion. I am hoping that by writing I can somehow help offset the carbon we are spewing into the atmosphere as we travel. Who is to say? Maybe some poem I write in the next few years will inspire someone to solve the wicked problem of climate change. I'll keep trying, on the road for Planet Earth. Next up, hiking the Wind River Range in Wyoming, biking the C&O Canal Trail along the Potomac, and three weeks in the Faroe Islands between Iceland and Norway.



On a trail near Sella, Spain.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

February 25th
2:00pm
Richardson Indoor Arena

First Zero-Waste Basketball Game: Volunteers needed for the men's basketball game. See Dr. Telligman (telligmanal@wofford.edu) if you are interested in helping out.

February 28th
7:30pm
Leonard Auditorium

Poetry Reading by Nikky Finney: Finney is a National Book Award winner for poetry and a Wofford honorary degree recipient. She will read from her work.

**Ongoing thru
March 1st**

Applications for Middlebury Summer Environmental Studies Program in China: Program dates - June 15-July 28, 2018. Students will work alongside faculty and practitioners in the Yunnan province to tackle significant environmental problems that stretch beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries. Visit <http://www.middlebury.edu/environment> for application and additional information about the program. Financial aid available.

March 5th

Deadline to Submit Artwork for Spartanburg Earth Day Festival: Submit your entry for the Make a World of Difference Art Contest. The winning college entry receives \$400 at the festival awards ceremony. For information and how to apply visit:

www.spartanburgearthday.org/Contests18.html

March 14th
7:00pm
Jerome Johnson Richardson
Theater, Richardson Center
for the Arts

The Way I See It: A Particle World View and Rooted Abstraction: Speaker Judith Kruger is a visual artist whose paintings, prints and mixed media works address Human-Environment connectivity and their shared vulnerabilities. She is recognized internationally for her advocacy of natural painting materials and historic, ecological processes. Her exhibit, *Mingled Terrain*, is open in the Richardson Family Art Museum.

March 15th
7:00pm
Richardson Family Art
Museum

Gallery Talk by Judith Kruger: Join us for a gallery talk by Kruger. The on-going work of the artist is the byproduct of a deep engagement with environment, place and the physicality and materiality of all phenomena. Her exhibit, *Mingled Terrain*, is open February 6–April 7 in the Richardson Family Art Museum.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Boston University – Earth and Environment

Boston University's Department of Earth & Environment offers a Master of Arts in Energy & Environment, Remote Sensing & Geospatial Science, and Global Policy, Specialization in Environmental Policy, through its Pardee School of Global Studies. They also offer a PhD in Earth & Environment.

In their Earth & Environment degree, "Students with a wide variety of backgrounds, from engineering to international relations, find our master's program ideal for acquiring the high-demand skills necessary for careers in

energy and the environment."

In their Remote Sensing & Geospatial Sciences degree, "BU's internationally recognized master's program, the world's most respected and influential remote sensing and geospatial faculty will educate you in both the underlying theory and the application of remote sensing, spatial analytical methods, digital cartography, and geographic information systems."

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