

# The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

*Our guest speaker David Taylor reflects on the Upper Shoals during his time in Glendale.*



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*Taylor and Blake Gantt (ENVS 203) examine sediment that was deposited in Lawsons Fork Creek during the recent rainfall from Hurricane Florence – “holding a hurricane in the palm of your hand!”*



## *Long Term Environmental Reflection by Professor John Lane*

Felt very fortunate last week to have SUNY- Stonybrook sustainability professor David Taylor here in residence at Glendale to lay down the first long term environmental reflection trace in a project Wofford ENVS has launched to document changes to our learning landscape there over the next 150 years. Tuesday night David and Michael Branch, a UN-Reno environmental literature professor, discussed the cool ambitious idea of “LTER” and their experience in another LTER program recounted in Reading Shaver’s Creek, an anthology edited by Ian Marshall.

David spent four days exploring our Glendale Learning Landscape, getting his hands muddy with Dr. Savage’s ENVS 203 class, taking an interesting walk with Dr. Telligman’s ENVS 101 class in the upper preserve, and exploring landscape concepts such as “lithic

scatter” on the trail with Dr. Ferguson.

David will produce “story maps” based on each of our six LTER sites he visited, and they will be cornerstone pieces in our program.



## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

**Ongoing**  
Available until position is filled

**Glendale Outdoor Leadership School is hiring:** If you have a passion for outdoor education, recreation and programming “let us know!” In this unique position you will work with a variety of age groups and skill levels on some high adventure activities as well as some classroom time. Must be self-motivated and be able to work independently sometimes, and with a group of staff at other times. Certain outdoor qualifications and certifications are a must. Please email [ksilverman@setgols.org](mailto:ksilverman@setgols.org) for more information or an application.

**September 21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>**  
8:00am-3:00pm  
199 Gowens Road,  
29306

**Recycle Spartanburg’s Community Clean-Up Event:** Open to all Spartanburg County residents. Bring unwanted items including construction & demolition debris, furniture, yard debris, metal, appliances, electronics, and tires (*limit 5 per household*). For more information, please call (864) 949-1658.

**Week of September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Free Books Available:** Come by the ENVS office to check out the boxes of books! Professor Lane will leave the books out for a week to see if anyone is interested before donating them to the local library.

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00pm  
Morningside Baptist  
Church, 897 S. Pine  
Street, 29302

**Public Meeting with AECOM and SCDOT:** AECOM is working on behalf of SC Department of Transportation to make improvements to the Country Club Road corridor between Union Street and Clifton Glendale Road (3.3 miles). They will hold a public meeting to give residents and the community an opportunity to comment on the proposed improvements.

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## PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

### *Bainbridge Graduate Institute – MBA in Sustainable Systems*

Located in Seattle, Bainbridge Graduate Institute (BGI) was the first business school to offer an MBA in sustainable systems and is ranked by *Huffington Post* as one of the top five sustainable business schools in the US.

In 2016 BGI, part of Pinchot University, joined forces with another top sustainability school, Presidio Graduate School, to further their commitment of integrating sustainability with traditional business education. Its LEED Gold certified facility called IslandWood on Bainbridge

Island outside of the city is used by students in the MBA and certification programs to collaborate and work on real-world problems. Students meet at the Seattle Learning Site for classes and spend four days each month at the IslandWood campus.

In addition to the MBA program, BGI offers certificate programs in Cooperative Management, Sustainable Energy Solutions, and Sustainable Food and Agricultural Systems.

[Presidio Graduate School – Bainbridge Graduate Institute](#)