

# The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

*ENVS 201 students created posters that assess recent changes in environmental policy.*



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*There was a great turnout for Dr. Savage's gallery talk on Thursday evening. If you haven't had a chance to see the Savage-Ballance exhibit, it will be on display until October 27<sup>th</sup>.*

## *Environmental Policy Poster Session by Dr. Peter Brewitt*

The leaves are falling, the weather's turning crisp, Wofford students are drinking pumpkin spice lattes as they study for midterms, and in Classroom Two, ENVS 201 had its annual poster session. Each of them (and most of you, reading this will remember your own poster) displayed and assessed a recent environmental policy change at 10:30 on Friday. There were snacks.

It turns out, looking at the posters, that there's a lot of action out there. There's a perception that the government isn't doing anything about the environment. But while it is true that EPA and Interior have prioritized resource extraction lately, interesting things are

happening on all levels – state, municipal, even federal. Creative policymakers are dealing with such issues as exploding cormorant populations, stray balloons, and even, on a massive and horribly difficult level, plastic pollution on the high seas. Some of the posters were indeed about federal deregulation – it is important, and interesting, to engage with this perspective as we try to figure out balancing energy costs and benefits. My favorite policy of the session came from Katmai National Park, in Alaska, where the Park Service is taking advantage of modern-day social media to promote a Fat Bear Contest. The brown bears of the Brooks River are striving to put on enough heft to survive hibernation, and you, sitting at your desk on the other end of the continent, can vote for which bear has done the best job rounding itself out. As effective policy to raise public attention, support, and visitation, you can't do much better than salmon-chomping bears.

*"Don't take it Littorally"*



*"Dissected Landscape"*



*"Hydroglyphics" shows data from Lawson's Fork Creek*

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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

- October 20<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00am-1:00pm  
556 Kelly Road, 29307
- Spartanburg Area Conservancy Hosts Work Day\***: SPACE is having a work day to maintain and improve the parking area and trailhead at Peter's Creek Heritage Preserve. Bring gloves and lawn tools, wear work clothes and closed-toe shoes. Carpooling suggested – parking limited. Pre-register through [Eventbrite](#) or email [clay@spartanburgconservation.org](mailto:clay@spartanburgconservation.org).
- October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
7:15pm  
Olin 101
- The Honeybee Crisis – an Opportunity for Change\***: Alex Tuchman from [Spikenard Farm Honeybee Sanctuary](#) will give a talk. Learn about the plight of the honeybee and what can be done by beekeepers, gardeners and community members to restore the honeybees and all pollinators to health, vibrancy, and vitality. Sponsored by ENVS, Biology, and Physics.
- October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
5:30pm  
Ciclops Cyderi & Brewery  
197 E. St. John Street
- Conservation Voters of SC hosts a film screening**: Come out and watch the screening of the film *The Burden*, which explores the intersection of national security and clean energy. View the [trailer](#) for the film or visit their [Facebook Event page](#).
- October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Application Deadline
- Conservation Outreach Internship**: Greenville County Soil & Water Conservation District is taking applications for October 2018-May 2019 paid, part-time internships. For more information and how to apply, visit this [website](#).
- October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Application Deadline
- Upstate Forever is Hiring**: Upstate Forever is a nonprofit conservation organization that protects critical lands, waters, and the unique character of Upstate South Carolina. Go to [www.upstateforever.org/jobs](http://www.upstateforever.org/jobs) to learn more about the positions available.
- November 7<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00pm  
Gray-Jones Room,  
Burwell Building
- Guest Speaker Latria Graham\***: Latria Graham, a Spartanburg writer, will speak about the relationship between people of color and nature. Wilderness and conservation are often seen as pretty Caucasian issues, but even here in the South, we often overlook the strong connection between African Americans and the land.
- November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00pm  
Olin 101
- Milliken Sustainability & Public Health Lecture\***: This year's lecture will feature Rebecca West '86, formerly of Spartanburg Water and Greenville Water, who will talk about her work with international water resources development.

## PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

### *University of South Carolina – Arnold School of Public Health*

The University of South Carolina offers several areas of study through its Arnold School of Public Health including Environmental Health Sciences, Biostatistics, and Epidemiology, which may be of interest to environmental studies students looking at graduate programs.

MPH and MS are offered in Environmental Health Sciences, which focuses on the interact between humans and the environment and the adverse effects of environmental conditions on human health.

Biostatistics and Epidemiology are interconnected by analyzing and generating data to advance the goals of public health but are separate degree programs within the Arnold School of Public Health.

To learn more about these programs and the other degrees offered, visit [Arnold School of Public Health](#). A Prospective Student Day is being planned for Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.