

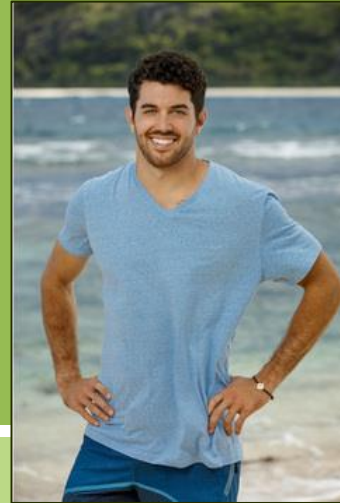
# The Fierce Green Fire

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*Chris Underwood '15  
appears on the latest  
season of Survivor:  
Edge of Extinction.*

*Photo: CBS/Survivor*



## *Our Own Survivor by Dr. Peter Brewitt*

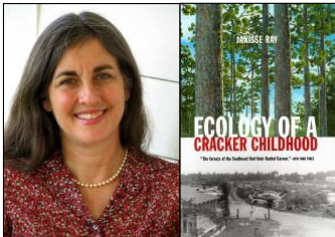
Our Environmental Studies graduates go on to do all sorts of creative things with their lives, but we have never had a reality TV star...until this week. Amongst the competitors sailing off to Fiji on *Survivor: Edge of Extinction* was our own Chris Underwood, class of 2015. It's no surprise to any of his old friends or professors that a dynamic and adventurous guy like Chris would appear on *Survivor*. His capstone project involved a paddle from Glendale to the ocean. We had a watch party to cheer him on at RJ Rocker's on Wednesday. Many thanks to Tyler Cable '18 and Jeremy Smith '18 for reserving our space and brewing our beer.

Chris emerged from the first round of *Survivor* unscathed. While he didn't get a lot of screen time, he is clearly one of the most rugged and energetic members of the Manu "tribe." We are sure that he will win the game.

In a broader sense, it was interesting for me, a person who had never watched *Survivor*, to see the famous show. Fiji looks gorgeous (just as the producers intend), and I hope that the competitors get some time to enjoy their paradisiacal surroundings in between silly obstacle courses and passive aggressive social engineering. *Survivor* has been on air since 2000 – my freshman year in college. Not many shows persist so long. Clearly there is something in our 21<sup>st</sup>-century society that yearns for a return to nature, with all its beauty and harshness. While the challenges the tribes encounter on CBS are entertaining enough, the real reward is to be found in your own explorations, in the untelevised, uncontrived part of nature. I'm sure that Chris would agree.

### **Janisse Ray**

**"Over story & Under story: Longleaf Pine of the Long Run"**  
The Tyson Family Lecture on the Preservation and Restoration of Southern Ecosystems



Janisse Ray will speak on the 20th anniversary of the publication of her landmark book, *"Ecology of a Cracker Childhood."*  
Thursday, March 7, 2019  
7 p.m.  
Leonard Auditorium, Main Building

*Ecology of a Cracker Childhood: Three Eco-Perspectives*  
Thursday, March 7, 2019  
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Anna Todd Wofford Center, Andrews Field House

A panel discussion featuring Dr. Peter Brewitt, Wofford College assistant professor; retired University of Georgia professor Dorinda Dalmeyer and University of South Carolina poet and ecocritic Tara Powell. Reception will follow.



**Join us for the upcoming Tyson Family Lecture - an afternoon panel discussion and evening lecture featuring Janisse Ray and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her landmark book, *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood*.**

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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

- February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00pm  
*Leonard Auditorium*
- Roosevelt as a Conservationist\***: Edmund Morris, Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer of TR Roosevelt will give a talk. He will be available to sign books afterward.
- March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
2:30-4:30pm  
*Anna Todd Wofford*
- Tyson Family Lecture presents *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood – Three Eco-Perspectives\****: A panel discussion featuring Peter Brewitt (*Wofford*), Dorinda Dallmeyer (*UGA, retired*), and Tara Powell (*USC*). Reception to follow.
- March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00pm  
*Leonard Auditorium*
- Tyson Family Lecture presents *Overstory & Understory – Longleaf Pine for the Long Run\****: Janisse Ray will speak on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of her landmark book, *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood*.
- March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
*Application Deadline*
- South Carolina Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society Scholarship**: A \$1000-scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate who is a South Carolina resident studying conservation/natural resources. See accompanied document attached to this email for application and requirements.
- April 15<sup>th</sup>**  
*Application Deadline*
- Summer 2019 Research Experience for Undergraduates**: The University of Iowa will host a [National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates](#) (NSF-REU) in Geography and Spatial Sciences. A 10-week summer program (May20-July26) will explore human-environment interactions. Participants will receive a stipend and housing in UI residence halls.
- April 30<sup>th</sup>**  
*Application Deadline*
- The Goat Island Boat Club Merit Scholarship Program**: The one-year scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$2000. Eligible student must be from South Carolina enrolled in an institution of higher learning in the state of South Carolina studying marine biology, forestry, fisheries, wildlife management, or other related field focused on environmental protection of the Santee Cooper lakes and river systems. Stop by Wofford Office of Financial Aid to pick up an application.

## PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

### *Lenoir-Rhyne University – Sustainability Studies*

Lenoir-Rhyne's sustainability studies is a fairly new program that is deeply connected to the Asheville and Western North Carolina communities and was established in part because of the university's commitment to sustainability. The Master of Science in Sustainability Studies (MSSS) explores ideas that involve science, policy, business, communication, and community planning to advance sustainability and to solve current and future problems. It also recognizes the growing need for sustainability-related professions.

Many classes are available at night or on weekends and the program offers the flexibility to complete online courses at your own pace. All students have opportunities to collaborate with community partners in class projects and capstone projects that integrate learning and experiences related to sustainability.

#### [Lenoir-Rhyne – MS in Sustainability Studies](#)

*also see the ENVS departmental bulletin board for this program brochure and other program opportunities in sustainability.*