

The Fierce Green Fire

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Annual Senior Seminar Trip to Cherokee “crowd-sourced” by seniors



Senior Seminar students listen to poetry by Thomas Rain Crowe at Professor Lane’s “tower” in Sylva – an annual tradition.

We are on fire for Environmental Studies after the trip to Professor John Lane’s tower in the mountains. After our 8 am departure and drive to the Blue Ridge Parkway, we hiked Graveyard Fields to a waterfall where we ate lunch. Over half of our group got a little bit lost on the hike, but all ended well with PB&J sandwiches at the waterfall.

We left for Sylva, NC to watch Wofford play in the NCAA tournament at O’Malley’s. Our enthusiastic rooting for the Terriers and especially ENVS student Cam Jackson wasn’t quite enough to overcome Kentucky, unfortunately. After the game, we went to Guadalupe Café to eat dinner. Everyone enjoyed the meal.

We next went to Cherokee, NC to attempt to see elk that have been reintroduced to the area. Sadly, we were unable to see any. So, our group

headed back to Sylva where Professor Lane’s cabin is located up a steep and twisty gravel road. It was dark by the time we reached our destination. This meant that we would have to setup our tents and ENOs in the dark.

Once everybody got settled, we enjoyed a campfire. After everyone was filled with toasted marshmallows and S’mores, we headed into our sleeping bags.

Everyone awoke to pack everything up before Thomas Rain Crowe came to read some of his poetry and talk about living at the pace of Nature. He accompanied us to Judaculla Rock which is an important site in the Cherokee culture, said to represent the footprints of a giant, and covered with petroglyphs. We headed back to campus after we visited the site – and a very enjoyable weekend.



Students in Dr. Telligman’s ENVS151 lab talk with river guide Bob Hathcock before a kayaking excursion on Lake Bowen this week.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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

April 1st – 5th

Have a great Spring Break!

April 9th

7:00pm

Hub City Bookshop
186 W Main Street

John Lane in Conversation with Drew Lanham*: Hub City Writers Project presents Professor Lane and naturalist Dr. Lanham in discussion about Lane's new book, *Neighborhood Hawks: A Year Following Wild Birds*, and the relaunch of Lanham's *Sparrow Envy* by Hub City Press. A signing will follow the talk.

April 11th

6:00pm

Hub City Bookshop
186 W Main Street

Sudden Spring Stories of Adaptation in the Climate-Changing South: Author Dr. Rick Van Noy will discuss his book and what communities in the South are doing to become more climate resilient and to survive a slow deluge of environmental challenges. He teaches American literature, environmental literature, creative nonfiction, and professional writing at Radford University. A book signing will follow the discussion.

April 13th

4:00pm

Leonard Auditorium

A Talk with Rudy Mancke – A Naturalist at Home*: The Spartanburg Science Center will host a talk on Wofford's campus as part of their 40th anniversary celebration. [RSVP](#) for your free tickets.

April 15th

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 20th

9:00am-11:00am

Spartan High Tennis
Court parking lot

Spartanburg Area Conservancy Cottonwood Stream Cleanup*: Join SPACE for a cleanup day at the Cottonwood Trail. [Sign up here](#) and wear closed-toe shoes, gloves, and clothes that can get wet.

Ongoing

Apply ASAP

Summer 2019 Seasonal Job Opportunity in Wyoming: Sublette County Conservation District in Pinedale, WY is hiring summer (May-August) help for an [Ecological Site Inventory Field Technician](#). Join Dr. Blackwell in the field this summer!

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Antioch University New England – Environmental Studies & Sustainability

Antioch University, located in New Hampshire, offers an MS in Environmental Studies with several different areas of concentration including Conservation Biology, Environmental Education, Advocacy for Social Justice and Sustainability, and Sustainable Development and Climate Change. A concentration in Science Teacher Certification in Middle Level Science and Life Sciences is also available and is the only program of its kind in the country. Certification programs are available in Conservation Psychology, Climate Change Education, and GIS, among others.

There is also an MS in Resource Management and Conservation, designed for working professionals who want to build on their environmental management skills, and a PhD in Environmental Studies.

An MBA in Sustainability, also referred to as a Green MBA, is *“the ideal way to prepare yourself for working in the new green economy.”* This business program is offered through the Department of Organization and Management.

[Antioch – Environmental Studies & Sustainability](#)