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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



Join Us
Tonight!

**THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE LANDOWNER
IN CONSERVATION**

Julie Moore
US Fish & Wildlife Service, Branch of Candidate
Conservation & Communication in the
Endangered Species Program

Thursday, March 26 @ 7:00pm
Olin Teaching Theater • Olin Bldg.

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THE THIRD ANNUAL TYSON FAMILY LECTURE ON RESTORING & PRESERVING SOUTHERN ECOSYSTEMS

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Wolves on Spring Break by Dr. Peter Brewitt



*Construction of a footbridge
on a new trail upstream from
the Goodall Center is now
complete and allows foot
access to the Upper Shoals.*



The title of our department publication makes me think of the closest I've ever come to a wolf. It was spring break, my sophomore year in college, and while most students head to Florida or Mexico, some of my friends from the Outing Club and I headed for the Groulx Mountains of northern Quebec. We rolled north for two days, the last hundred miles on a dirt road, and then skied up a frozen river to the Groulx plateau. Once we got up out of the trees, the world was white and blue and black – sky, snow, and, below us, ancient black spruce forest that no one has ever cut. We skied out and down to a lake basin, where we'd tent for the next couple days. We had a big canvas tent, and a wood stove that a scouting trip had toted up in the fall. We spread spruce boughs a foot deep on the floor, baked up bannock, the chewy, delicious bread of the North, and

collapsed into our sleeping bags. We were exhausted (well, at least I was) and the old bag was warm and welcoming. It was 20 below that night.

Next morning, we rose to find the path pocked with paw prints. Wolves had used our ski tracks and crossed the lake after us, maybe twenty yards from our tent.

That week, we skied across open ridgelines and made turns down natural snow bowls. We climbed mountains that didn't even have names. We didn't speak to any other people. We didn't see any wolves the whole time. But finding those paw prints, knowing they were there, was the wildest experience we had that whole time.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- March 26th** *Tonight - 3rd Annual Tyson Family Lecture on Restoring & Preserving Southern Ecosystems:* Julie Moore from US Fish & Wildlife Service, Branch of Candidate Conservation & Communication in the Endangered Species Program, will present *The Role of the Private Landowner in Conservation*. 7:00pm in Olin Teaching Theater.
- March 28th** *Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day:* Spartanburg County residents may bring old paint, pesticides, mercury, household chemicals, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, and other items for free disposal to Spartanburg County Administration Building, 366 N. Church Street, 9:00am-2:00pm. See <http://www.safedisposalupstate.org/> for details.
- April 1st** *Deadline for GSA Grant Applications:* These Southeastern Section grants support undergraduate research projects for undergraduate students enrolled in a BS or BA degree program. Visit <http://www.geosociety.org/sections/se/students.htm> for eligibility criteria and the application form.
- April 6th** *No Meeting - Fierce Green Fire Student Group:* Next meeting will fall during spring break.
- April 14th** *“Dirty Energy” - George Barisich* - A shrimp boat captain for 45 years based in New Orleans. The documentary “Dirty Energy” will be shown along with a talk to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the BP Oil Spill. The film depicts the impacts on the New Orleans community as a result of BP’s reluctance to compensate. Sponsored by *Thinking Like A River Initiative*.
- April 16th** *Santee Cooper Lecture Series Presents:* 4:00pm in Olin 101. Courtney Mattison is an artist and ocean advocate working to inspire policy makers and the public to conserve our changing seas.
- April 18th** *Introduction to Yoga:* Bring your mat to Glendale Shoals Amphitheater, 9:30-10:45am, for yoga with Adrienne Ables from YOGAlicious. \$5 suggested class donation. Questions? Contact Haley Briel at GoodallOutreach@wofford.edu or call 419-490-3121.
- April 18th** *Discover Your Watershed:* 10:00am-3:00pm at Lyman Lake Lodge. Paddle, play and learn about the Tyger River Watershed. This family event is designed to raise awareness about the importance of safeguarding our water resources for future generations. Registration and lunch are free if you sign up at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/discover-your-watershed-tickets-14763125907>.
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PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Saint Louis University – Master of Science in Sustainability

The Master of Science in Sustainability at Saint Louis University (SLU) is a recently established program (in 2010) offered through their Center for Sustainability. The program was developed in a collaborative effort with the school’s College of Arts & Sciences, College of Business, College of Engineering, Aviation, & Technology, and the College of Education & Public Service. This interdisciplinary program is a 30-credit hour degree that incorporates knowledge of science, technology, business, and policy.

Their record breaking first year honored them with SLU’s most successful launch of any new graduate program, the largest amount of external funding in school history, and the Center was recognized with a Bronze rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education because of its efforts in eco-friendliness and social and economic sustainability.

For more information on this innovative program, visit <http://www.slu.edu/sustainability/graduate-programs/ms-in-sustainability>