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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

*TAKING
THE
LONG
WAY
HOME*



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ENVS Guest Speaker Latria Graham

On Wednesday, Environmental Studies welcomed Latria Graham to campus. Latria's a Spartanburg native who has become one of the country's most effective voices on environmental racism, cultural connections, and diversity in wildness. The event was also sponsored by the department of African/African-American Studies, the Dean of Diversity and Inclusion, and the Provost for Curriculum and Co-Curriculum – it was a real team effort.

Latria's risen to prominence partly on the strength of an article, published in Outside Magazine, entitled "We're Here, You Just Don't See Us." Many Environmental Studies students – maybe most – love hiking, camping, paddling, and other adventures in natural landscapes. We emphasize wilderness as a core part of our curriculum. But wilderness has often been a pretty segregated space, in public perception and in reality.

Latria's piece explores all this, and shows how things are changing, and may continue to change – she herself, like many African Americans, feels a deep connection to the land, and loves hiking and trail running. A new generation of African Americans is indeed exploring natural landscapes, and just as the rest of society is changing, so too are our trails and campgrounds.

In the visit, Latria met with Dr. Brewitt's freshman humanities class before heading out to Glendale. A good friend of John Lane, she is eager to participate in our long-term reflection project on the banks of the Lawson's Fork. In the evening, she gave a talk called *Taking the Long Way Home*, reading from her work and sharing her perspective and experiences with some fifty students. We are all looking forward to strengthening Latria's connection with Environmental Studies in the seasons to come.



Dr. Telligman's ENVS 101 class recently visited Pacolet Heritage Preserve learning about place, history, and cultural and natural interaction over time.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

November 10th
10:00am-noon

Scavenger Hunt at the Cottonwood Trail: Bring your children out to Cottonwood Trail! This will be an exciting way for you and your kids to get out of the house and into nature! Meet at the picnic table area near the powerline trail. No payment required, but [register here](#) so they have an idea of how many faces to expect.

November 21st – 23rd

Happy Thanksgiving!

January 15th
Entry Deadline

Wild Spartanburg Poster Contest: SPACE and the Tyger River Foundation are launching a [poster contest](#) with a \$2,500 prize! Inspired by the beautiful WPA National Park Posters, they will launch a conservation awareness campaign of posters designed by a local artist of Berry's Bridge, the Cottonwood Trail, Glendale Shoals, and Nesbitt Shoals. Artists are encouraged to create work inspired by one of these places. There will be an exhibition at the Headquarters of the Spartanburg County Libraries of selected entries beginning in February. The winner will be announced during a reception on April 18th. To learn more and to receive an application, please e-mail alix@spartanburgconservation.org.

January 15th
1st Round Application &
Scholarship Deadline

Middlebury School of the Environment Summer Session 2019: Six-week summer environmental studies program in Yunnan Province, China (June 7-July 19) with undergraduate credits for 3-full courses. Applications accepted on a rolling basis until the program is full. Need based financial aid is available. Visit [Middlebury School of the Environment](#) for more information.

February 1st
Application Deadline

Santee Cooper Summer Internship Program: Assist Environmental Specialists with aquatic plant control, water quality monitoring, laboratory analysis, special projects, equipment maintenance and other duties. Students must have finished their first year of college and be pursuing a degree in Biology, Wildlife Management or other environmental related field. [View the job details here](#). Internship begins May 13, 2019.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Pepperdine University – Graziadio Business School MBA Program

The Graziadio Business School at Pepperdine University offers a SEER (Socially, Environmentally, and Ethically Responsible) certificate to its full-time MBA students. *Bloomberg Businessweek* and *US News & World Report* have ranked Pepperdine's program as one of the best full-time MBA programs in the country along with other [awards and rankings](#).

The SEER certificate recognizes that organizations are looking for business leaders who

understand the importance of sustainability, corporate social responsibility, and ethics. This certificate *allows students to complement their MBA degree with courses that will prepare them to incorporate their own values and ethics into a successful business career and apply SEER values to companies large or small across a diverse range of industries.*

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