

The Green Bean

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Be the next ENTS Educational Associate!

Interested in making Carleton greener and the ENTS program stronger? ENTS is looking for someone to be next year's educational associate. This job involves maintaining email lists, organizing speakers and events, serving on the Carleton Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) and the City of Northfield Environmental Quality Commission (EQC), writing and printing the ENTS newsletter, assisting with the ENTS junior and senior colloquiums, working with student activists, and various other tasks. The intern gets to work with fantastic students, faculty and staff. This is the only entry-level position with four months vacation (the intern only works the thirty weeks school is in session). The job also has great benefits, including health and dental insurance, a retirement program, and you get to take one class a term for free (if you aren't sick of classes yet). The job requires a lot of motivation, selfdirection, and energy. Much of the job is getting others excited about the ENTS program, events and activist projects. It is a great way to make a difference locally and to improve environmentalism at Carleton. If you are interested in the position, talk to Dale Jamieson (djamieso@carleton.edu), and submit a cover letter, resume and the names of three references by Wednesday, April 16 to Dale.

New ENTS Faculty Member: Cam Davidson

I received my B.S. in geology from the University of Wisconsin and my M.S. and Ph.D. in geology from Princeton University. I left Princeton to work on a four-month project for Mobil Research in Dallas before moving with my wife (Karen) and our six-week-old daughter (Carly) to Switzerland where I worked as a post-doc for three glorious years at the University of Basel on the tectonic evolution of the Bergell Alps. Our son (Peter) was born about a year before we left Basel and returned to Princeton for a seven-month project on the Bhutan Himalayas. Finally, we settled down and moved to Wisconsin where I taught for seven years in the geology department at Beloit College before coming to Carleton this academic year.

I teach Introduction to Geology, Mineralogy, Petrology, and Structural Geology. I also plan to offer a course I developed at Beloit called Environmental and Science Policy. My primary research interests are in the processes of continental growth and consolidation, and I currently have projects going in the Talkeetna Mountains of south central Alaska and the Coast Mountains of Southeast Alaska and British Columbia. I am also interested in the intersection of science and public policy and how scientific knowledge is transferred and used in the public sector. To help me explore these interests, I am currently serving on the City of Northfield Environmental Quality Commission.

Welcome back Dale!

After two terms of absence, ENTS program director Dale Jamieson is back at Carleton. You can find him (and Greta) in Goodsell 105. Dale is teaching two classes this term, Animals: Minds and Morals; and Climate and Society (with Tsegaye Nega). Dale's newest book is just out, *Morality's Progress: Essays on Humans, Other Animals, and the Rest of Nature*. Dale will also be giving two lectures this term, this week in Atlanta and Dartmouth College in May. Welcome back!

Earth Week

This year's Earth Week is April 21st - April 27th. The theme is: "Personal Impact Awareness". Watch for posters advertising the week's events. A preliminary schedule includes:

Monday: President Oden reads from *A Sand County Almanac*, 8:00pm, Library Athenaeum

Tuesday: Earth Day Celebration during common time in Great Hall

Friday: Convocation by Bob Reiss, author of *The Coming Storm*, a new book on global warming and extreme weather

Saturday: Adopt-A-River (contact long] for details)

Friday and Saturday:

Environmentally-themed movies at SUMO; *Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within*, and *Biodome*

Capstone Presentations

Marc Antinoro and Keith Wolter Thursday, April 10, 7pm in Goodsell 03 "Wild and Free Flowing" An introduction into the issues surrounding the future management practices for the longest undammed river in the lower 48, the Yellowstone River. The challenges and successes of integrating science, grassroots politics, and local stakeholders are discussed in an attempt to provide for a sustainable coexistence.

Matt Fisher

Wednesday, 4/30, 7pm in Goodsell 03 "Genetic Modification vs. Organic Crops: Farming and Biotechnology at Home and Abroad."

The presentation features excerpts from two new videos on the application and use of biotechnology and the "Green Revolution." In recent years many issues have come up in the surrounding the safety of Genetically Modified Organisms and their potential effects on human and biological communities around the globe. Following the 1 hour screening, there will be an open discussion mediated by professor of biology Susan Singer and ENTS postdoctorate Tsegaye Nega, addressing the ethics, benefits and hazards of biotechnology, and how these are perceived within the Carleton community and elsewhere.

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