Message from the Director

Dear Tufts Environmental,
I hope that your fall semester was a success. We at the Environmental Studies Program are looking forward to this coming semester. Our focus this Spring is building a bigger and better Environmental Studies Program (ENVS) community. To this end, we have planned the following events:

1) **Reconnect.** On January 19th at 3 pm (just before classes begin), we invite you to attend a gathering of ENVS majors, faculty, and other interested parties. This is a great time to connect or reconnect with those who share your interests and your classes. The Reconnect will take place in the Multi-purpose Room on the 1st floor of Sophia Gordon Hall. Please join us!

2) **Weekly "Lunch & Learn"** Beginning at noon on Thursdays, undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty will come together to share their experiences and ideas during brown bag gatherings. This is a great opportunity to present your ideas, learn about and report on internships, listen to short presentations on a relevant topic, and brainstorm on future activities. Lunch will be provided! The first session will take place on February 3, 2011. Stay tuned for the topic in this newsletter, but also on our department website. We will be creating an online sign-up sheet for the Spring semester, and a place where you can suggest topics, so stay tuned.

Sincerely,
Colin M. Orians
Director, Environmental Studies Program

Faculty Profile: J. Michael Reed
Prof. Michael Reed has been teaching biology at Tufts University since 1996. Loved by his students for his practicality and sense of humor, he provides a critical opportunity for students to learn about the complexities of conservation biology and the risks that species undergo in relation to human-caused threats. While his work is primarily focused on birds, he and his students are also conducting research on amphibians, moss, and butterflies. Recent research with Chris Elphick of the University of Connecticut and David L. Roberts of the University of Kent (UK) addresses the topic of extinction assessment, how species are determined to be extinct and whether a successful method can be developed to assist in this determination. Extinction has both scientific and sociological repercussions...

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Internships

Stormwater Education Coordinator
Posted by: Northwest Service Academy
Description
Coordinate and implement rain garden demonstration workshops (25%); create and deliver outreach and education to Clark County residents about rain gardens (10%); create and design online interactive map and promotional literature of rural acreage properties with exemplary water quality protection practices (25%); coordinate and implement a realtor outreach program (20%); Design and carry out natural resources outreach plan for Watershed Stewards and Small Acreage programs at public events (15%); assistance with other education activities (5%)...

Additional Internships

Jobs

Program Assistant - Open Society Fellowship
Posted by: Open Society Foundations
Description
The Open Society Foundations work to build vibrant and tolerant democracies whose governments are accountable to their citizens. To achieve this mission, the Foundations seek to shape public policies that assure greater fairness in political, legal, and economic systems and safeguard fundamental rights. On a local level, the Open Society Foundations implement a range of initiatives to advance justice, education, public health, and independent media. At the same time, we build alliances across borders and continents on issues such as corruption and freedom of information. The Foundations place a high priority on protecting and improving the lives of people in marginalized communities...

Additional Jobs
Events

Residential Energy Savings: Real vs. Modeled
Thu, January 13, 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Where MIT, The Strata Center, 32-141
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Michael Blasnik will explain: How to save the most energy in your home Why real world savings don't always equal modeled savings Why the energy efficiency field needs great researchers About Mr. Blasnik: Has analyzed the energy use of millions of homes over the last 25 years Heads the energy impact evaluation for the National Weatherization Assistance Program Is feisty, funny, and informative Cosponsored by MITEI, Sustainability@MIT, the MIT Energy Club, HEET, Cambridge Energy Alliance, Greenport, and MCAN...

Additional Events