



Action News!

The news source for the Department of
Environmental Studies & Planning at SSU

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For the week of: August 18th



Our Faculty and Staff
hope you had a wonderful summer.

For new students, welcome!

For returning students, glad you're back!



- **News & Announcements:** *This section highlights professional training opportunities, speakers, workshops, relevant news items and events.*

ENSP T-Shirts are available for \$15 in Rachel Carson Rm. 18. Proceeds support your department.

Prof. Tom Jacobson is Chair of the ENSP Dept.

Advising/Scheduling - Our faculty suggest that you meet with your advisor each semester prior to registration to plan your schedule. However, if you have concerns about your Fall schedule, contact your advisor or stop into RCH 18 for assistance. Some courses still have space available. During Open Reg. students drop classes so continue to check

Peoplesoft during the day. Note: if I "permissioned" you into a class, you must add this course to your schedule by 4 pm on Friday, August 29. If you do use this "permission" I will assume your schedule is complete, drop your "permission" and open this class to other students. Students "crashing" classes should be aware that if you gain admittance with your instructor's approval, you must add this course to your schedule. If you have difficulties with this process, see me. Your name must appear on the official roster in order to obtain a grade. (Just clarifying policy.)

Faculty office hours & contact information is located in the display case outside RCH 18. In the next few weeks, I hope to have it posted on our newly-revised ENSP website.



Don't Miss

• Important Dates:

August 25 – Open Registration. If you have been “permissioned” into a class, you must register for the class so that it is placed on your schedule.

August 25 – Last day to drop classes with a full refund.

Sept. 1- Labor Day. Campus closed.

Sept. 5 – Deadline for Contract Courses; i.e. Internships, Special Studies and Community Involvement. Visit this site for specific details.
www.sonoma.edu/ensp/internshipoverview042208.

Sept. 15 – Deadline to submit graduation applications for December 2008 graduation.

Planning to graduate Spring 2009? You must pass the WEPT test. For a schedule, click on the following link:

<http://www.sonoma.edu/programs/writingcenter/wepschedule.html>

• Environmental Happenings



Fall '08 Garden Volunteer Days ~ ETC

Fridays: 9 a.m – 2 p.m.

Sept. 26; Oct. 10; Nov. 7; and Dec. 5

In the event of rain, work day will be rescheduled.

If questions, contact Frederique Lavoipierre at lavoipie@sonoma.edu

Friends of Copeland Creek will begin meetings for Fall semester. If interested contact Julie Bright at 707/664-2717 or bright@sonoma.edu.

Cotati Creek Critters is a grassroots community group planting native trees and scrubs along the Cotati research of the Laguna de Santa Rosa. CCC is sponsored by the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation and the Sonoma County Water Agency. Contact: jenny@creeks.cotati.info or 707/792-4422 for info.

Want to discover and/or help restore the bay? Check out **Bay Events** on www.savesfbay.org.

Out door Pursuits has trips planned for Fall semester. They are still working on their schedule so I will keep you posted. For more information, contact 664-DIRT or email www.sonoma.edu/campusrec/adventure

• **Internships:** For more information about any of the listings, please see the “Current ENSP Internship” binder in the ENSP office, Rachel Carson Rm. 18-B.

Planning Internship in San Rafael Community Development Department. This vacancy is in the Current Planning Section of the Planning Department. Primary responsibilities include: assisting customers with zoning and General Plan information at the public counter and over the phone. Interns also process planning and business license applications, conduct research and assist Current Planning Staff. Compensation ranges from \$11-\$14 per hour and is budgeted for 20 hrs. per week with the possibility of increase hours during Summer and Winter holiday breaks. This department is open Mon-Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The city is willing work around school schedules. If interested, fax or email a resume to steve.stafford@ci.san-rafael.ca.us or call 415/458-5048.



County of Sonoma Water Agency has internships available. These positions will assist the Agency's education staff both in the classroom and at outdoor field study sites in Forestville and Sonoma. Duties include: preparing teaching materials, filling education material orders, the ability to drive a car and maintain positive relationships with teachers and students. Applicants must enjoy working with primary grade students and have a schedule that will allow them to work a minimum of two days per week from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 pm. Compensation is \$12.45 per hour. For more details, contact Dan Kahane at 707/521-6209 or visit www.sonomacountywater.org.

LandPaths has positions available for Environmental Education volunteers "In Our own Backyard" program that links 2nd - 12th grade students throughout Sonoma County to a publicly protected natural area within their watershed. Central to the program is the "adoption" of the natural area through a series of theme-based visits (discovery, watershed, wildlife habitat and stewardship). Volunteers will support LandPaths education staff in implementing these programs. For more information, contact Bree Benton, Education Director at 707/544-7284 ext. 13 or email education@landpaths.org.

Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation has both Restoration and Science internships available for Fall '08. Interns should work a minimum of 90 hours per semester preferably two days a week (full- or part-time) and commit to a three to four-month assignment. Internships may be paid (mainly in summer) or for credit only. Deadline is August 29. For Restoration contact julian@lagunafoundation.org; for Science email Christina@lagunafoundation.org.

Cotati Creek Critters has two internships available - a Stewardship Intern and an Outreach/Education Intern. CCC's goals are to enhance the natural habitat for native species without compromising flood control; to organize Creek Stewardship Days; to encourage an appreciation of Cotati's creeks and creek side (riparian) vegetation; raise awareness that Cotati's creeks are part of the larger Laguna de Santa Rosa and Russian River watersheds. The deadline is August 29. For information contact: jenny@creeks.cotati.info or 707/792-4422 for info.

Natural Resources Defense Council, San Francisco Litigation Team, Fall 2008 internship. NRDC is a leading nonprofit membership organization that has been marshaling science and the law to protect the environment and public health since 1970. Over 1.6 million members and activists participate and NRDC has played a central role in crafting, implementing, enforcing and defending the nation's environmental laws. This unpaid internship is based in San Francisco, and students are expected to work 15-20 hours per week. No legal background is necessary to apply. In exchange for hard work, interns receive an active role on the frontlines of the environmental movement. To apply, submit application, go to www.nrdc.org and apply under Employment Opportunities. The deadline is August 31.

Sonoma State University's Job site at www.sonoma.edu/sas/crc/jobsearch/index.shtml lists internship and employment opportunities. This site is updated frequently. This information can also be found in the **Career Center in Salazar 1070 at SSU.**

The **County of Sonoma** has internships available. For more details visit www.sonoma-county.org/volint or call Renee Rutan at (707) 565-2930.

Orion Grassroots Network: This site is a great resource for updated listings of **new internships and job openings**, visit <http://www.oriononline.org/ogn>.

•**Employment:** *For more information about any of the employment listings, please see the "Current ENSP Employment" binder in the ENSP office, Rachel Carson Rm. 18-B*

EHS Technician – Buck Institute (Temporary)

Under the supervision of the Compliance Director, shall provide the day-to-day laboratory EHS functions in compliance with the Buck Institute standards. For more information, visit www.buckinstitute.org/site/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=33&Itemid=362

Restoration Technician – Sonoma Ecology Center.

Employee will support the community-based Restoration Program dedicated to the repair and enhancement of native stream, riparian, and upland habitats. For a listing responsibilities, experience and qualifications, visit www.sonomaecologycenter.org. Salary \$27,000-\$40,560.

Green Business Associate, San Francisco Department of the Environment. This person will provide program development and implementation support to the Program Managers and staff in performing professional level work. For a complete job description, please visit RCH 18 as this position has not posted to the SF Environment website. The deadline is Sept. 2. Compensation is \$17.56 per hour.

Check out Google.org. This site includes the work of the Google Foundation, some of Google's own projects using Google talent, technology and other resources, as well as partnerships and contributions to for-profit and non-profit entities. The focus areas of Google.org include global poverty, climate changes and global public health. Browse U.S. openings at <http://www.google.com/support/jobs/bin/static.py?page=students.html>

The **County of Sonoma** has numerous employment opportunities. Visit their website at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/sonoma/default.cfm>

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