BIOLOGY SEMINAR SERIES (FALL 2013)

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October 25, 2013
"Urban Ecosystems: Humanity's Habitat"
L. Brooke Stabler, Ph.D., Rivier University

Bio: Dr. Stabler, Associate Professor of Biology, will present research on the overlap of humans and the environment. Dr. Stabler did her graduate work at Arizona State University studying Urban Ecology. Her work is aimed at understanding ecological processes within human dominated systems and the influence of urbanized systems on relatively undisturbed areas nearby. Dr. Stabler joined the Department of Biology at Rivier University in August, 2013.

November 8, 2013
"Conservation and Sustainable Development in the Cloud Forest: A case study of UGA Costa Rica"
Quint Newcomer, Ph.D., University of Georgia

Bio: Dr. Newcomer serves as the Director of the University of Georgia Costa Rica. He joined UGA in 2005 from the Yale University School of Forestry, where he earned a Master of Environmental Management and doctorate in Social Ecology, studying market incentive mechanisms for private forestland conservation in Costa Rica. Dr. Newcomer recently co-authored the book *Emerging Markets for Ecosystem Services: A Case Study of the Panama Canal Watershed*.■

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