

# Program for 2005

## Explorers Club - Greater Piedmont Chapter

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### January 14, 2005

Dr. Tobias J. Lanz, assistant professor, Government and International Studies, USC

#### ***India's Tiger Sanctuaries: Current threats and conservation efforts***

Lanz has visited all of the major tiger sanctuaries in India. He will give a media presentation on the status of the tiger as well as other fauna and flora in several of India's major tiger sanctuaries.

### February 11, 2005

Dr. Warner Montgomery FN 94, publisher, *The Columbia Star*

#### ***Discovering the past: walking the Slave Trail in Guinea, West Africa***

Dr. Montgomery led an expedition through five historic slave trading villages along the Rio Pongo in June, 2004. He will give a media presentation of the trek which began in Farenaya, a village founded by an American slave trader who married an African queen. Guests will be expedition co-leaders Dr. Jim Fisher and Dr. Naby Camara.

### March 11, 2005

Janet Ceigler, FN 04, entomologist

#### ***Beetles of Mongolia***

In July, 2003, Ceigler participated in an aquatic insect survey in the Selenge River Basin of Mongolia sponsored by the National Science Foundation. She collected water beetles everyday for 30 days. Her specimens are a part of the permanent collection of the Republic of Mongolia.

### April 8, 2005

Dr. John L. Safko, FN 98, professor of astronomy, USC

#### ***Finding planets around other stars***

Safko has searched the sky from his vantage point in the USC observatory for decades. He will make a presentation on the searches, successful and otherwise, for planets orbiting other stars.

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### April 9, 2005 Field Trip

#### **Bright's Bird Tour**

Jerry Bright and John Cely will lead a birding tour of Sparkleberry Swamp

### May 13, 2005

Dr. Bill Stanley, professor emeritus of geography, USC

#### **Little traveled roads: a geographer in the Third World**

Dr. Stanley, a 40-year veteran of the dust and mud of Africa will reveal how he has managed to profit professionally from rascals and refugees.

### June 10, 2005

Dr. Leslie R. Sautter, associate professor of geology, College of Charleston

#### ***Exploration of Deep Sea Habitats off the coast of the Southeast U.S.***

Over the last four years, Dr. Sautter has participated on five research expeditions off the Southeast U.S. coast. This talk will summarize the variety of rocky seafloor habitats examined during numerous submersible dives between depths of 150 and 3,000 feet.

### July 8, 2005

Virginia "Ginny" Newell, FN 03, conservator

#### **Conservation means more than the environment**

Newell has hiked the Grand Canyon and the Inca Trail, climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, and rafted the Zambezi in her quest for cultural artifacts. A leading art conservator, she specializes in restoring 18th and 19th century oil paintings. Newell will explain how, using the principle of *mastery in context*, she restores new life to antiquity.

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### August 12, 2005

No Meeting

### August 13, 2005 Field Trip

### Expedition on the Palmetto

#### **Trail (Date is subject to change)**

Janet Ciegler and Jim Welch will lead a day-long hike on a section of the Palmetto Trail. This will be the beginning of a documented hike on the entire trail by members of the Greater Piedmont Chapter.

### September 9, 2005

John A. Hodge, FN 74, attorney, pilot

#### **Travels in the Chilean Andes**

Over the past five years Hodge has become a regular visitor to Patagonia: horseback expeditions into the Andes, trekking atop glaciers, observing the southern sky. He will share his existential moments. Be prepared to be wowed and wooed.

### October 14, 2005

Alan Shoemaker, FN 94, bone collector (ret.), mammal expert

#### **Under the Tuscan sky**

Since retiring from the mammal cages of Riverbank Zoo, Shoemaker has become an expert tour guide to the finer places of hedonistic pleasures. Through slides he will take us on a tour of Tuscany, a charmed land blessed by the genius of man and nature – vineyards, rolling hillsides, green cypress trees, rust-colored farmhouses, and moss-coated castles.

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### November 11, 2005

Dr. Willard "Billy" Moore, FN 88

#### **Under the sea a river flows**

For decades Moore has been studying the exchange of ground water and sea water. He has recently returned from a circumnavigation expedition of the Pacific Rim. Moore will give a presentation on what he has learned in the mucky waters of Port Royal Sound, Cape Hatteras, Sicily, Brazil, Australia, and Mauritius.

### December 9, 2005

Christmas Party