August 15, 2018

Dear Fall 2018 MES cohort member:

We’re looking forward to seeing you next month at orientation on **Monday, September 17, 9:30am-5:00pm.**We’ll share further information, including the syllabus for gCORE, the first core class, at orientation.Further information about this day can be found in the letter sent to you in the mail on July 9.

**Textbook List**

We’re writing with the final textbook list for gCORE. Additional readings will be posted on our Canvas site, which is an online course management system. We’ll spend some time talking about Canvas use at Orientation.

Donella Meadows, *Thinking in Systems* (Chelsea Green Publishing, 2008).

**\*\*NOTE\*\* We will read the entire book for the first week of class.**

Charles Wilkonson, *Blood Struggle: The Rise of Modern Indian Nations* (W. W. Norton, 2005).

**\*\*NOTE\*\* We will read Introduction (pp. ix-xvi) and Chapters 1-8 (pp. 3-205) for Tuesday, October 9. We will also read brief selections from the second half of the book for Thursday, October 11. This will be our heaviest week of reading for the quarter—so we encourage you to get a jump start on this reading.**

Eugene Bardach and Eric Patashnik, *A Practical Guide for Policy Analysis: The Eightfold Path to More Effective Problem Solving*, Fifth Edition (Sage, 2016).

Wayne Booth, Gregory Colomb and Joseph Williams, *The Craft of Research*, Fourth Edition (University of Chicago Press, 2016).

Books can be purchased from any bookstore--but make sure to get the appropriate edition. You can also rent books from the campus Greener Store or check them out from the Evergreen Library through interlibrary loan.

You will be able to find the book lists for your elective courses later this summer at the Greener Store website: evergreen.edu/bookstore

**Field Trip—Mark your calendars!**

We will take a **required three-day field trip to the Olympic Peninsula** from the morning of Thursday, October 18 to the early evening of Saturday, October 20. There will be an additional course fee of $200 for the overnight trip that will cover all transportation, lodging, and food expenses and will be assessed with your tuition. Although we recognize that field trips require a significant investment of money and time, the consistent feedback from previous MES cohorts is that these field trips are an invaluable opportunity to explore the Pacific Northwest, understand key ecosystems and environmental issues in our region, and build a strong learning community. More details will be provided at orientation.

Sincerely,

Your Fall 2018 gCORE Team (Kevin Francis, Shawn Hazboun, Tyrus Smith)