**Orientation Agenda**

**Graduate Program on the Environment**

**The Evergreen State College**

**September 19-20, 2014**

**Seminar 2 Building, Room E1105**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – MES BASICS, 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

12:00-1:00 Check-In, Lunch with Faculty, Photos

1:00-1:05 Director’s Welcome

1:05-1:15 Agenda & Folder Overview

1:15-2:00 Core and Adjunct Faculty Introductions

2:00-2:45 Student Introductions

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-3:40 Student Advising

3:40-4:25 Financial Aid and Registration

4:25-4:45 First Peoples Advising and Longhouse

4:45-5:00 Break

5:00-5:15 Master of Environmental Studies Association (MESA)

5:15-6:00 Student and Alumni Panel

6:00 Dinner on your own

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - MES ACADEMICS, 9:00AM – 12:30PM**

9:00-9:30 Welcome Back Activity

9:30-10:00 gCORE Syllabus Overview

10:00-10:15 Introduction to Seminars

10:15-10:30 Break with light snacks

10:30-12:00 *Silent Spring* Seminars

12:00-12:30 Seminar Debrief and Final Q&A

12:30 Lunch on your own

12:30-4:00 Financial Aid, Tuition Payment, Student ID cards, and Parking Permits available in the Library Building Lobby. Tours are available at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm from the Library Building Lobby. Library tours are at 2pm and 3pm and leave from the Library’s front desk. The Bookstore is open until 5pm and is in the Campus Activities Building.

**Please note:** Undergraduate orientation also starts on 9/20 and goes for a week. There are many optional events open to graduate students. You will receive more information at orientation.

Tours are also given from the Admission office, M-F, 11:00am and 2:30pm. No need to pre-register.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 – COMMUNITY TO COMMUNITY (optional), 1:00PM – 5:00PM**

This is an off-campus service learning activity sponsored by the Center for Community-Based Learning and Action. All undergraduates are required to attend. If you are free, please consider signing up with other MES students. Contact CCBLA for more information: 360-867-6137.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, MES WELCOME BACK POTLUCK, 5:00PM – 5:45PM**

Start your academic year off right by gathering with fellow MES students and faculty in the Graduate Lounge on the third floor of Lab 1, Room 3023. Bring your favorite after-school snack to share! MES will provide beverages; bring your own plate, cup, and utensils.