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SCC Offers Forest Biotechnology Seminar Series

John Robards, instructor of the Forest Management Technology program at Southeastern Community College, will be hosting a Forest Biotechnology Seminar Series that is funded by a N.C. BioNetwork Forest Biotechnology Teaching Consortium grant.

The series is geared for interested students, professional foresters, forest landowners, and other stakeholders in the region. In addition, the public is invited to attend these free educational opportunities.

Each presentation has been approved for one CFE (continuing forestry education credit) by the Society of American Foresters (SAF). Most Registered Professional Foresters must earn 10 to 12 CFEs per year (depending on the state) to renew their state licenses. SAF Certified Foresters must earn 60 CFEs every three years to maintain their designations.

The series will consist of four presentations by leading scientists in forest biotechnology. The presentations will begin at 10 a.m. on the dates listed below and will last about one hour. There also will be a question and answer period following the presentations. All of the seminars will take place in G-Building, Room 251A.

On Thursday, April 9, Thomas R. Fox, Associate Professor of Forestry, Co-Director of the Forest Nutrition Cooperative, and Director of the National Science Foundation Center for Advanced Forestry Systems at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University will talk about "Remote Sensing and GIS as Tools to Implement Precision Plantation Silviculture."

On Thursday, April 23, Steven E. McKeand, Professor of Forestry and Environmental Resources and Director of the Cooperative Tree Improvement Program at North Carolina State University will present "Tree Improvement and Forest Productivity."

On Thursday, April 30, Tim Albaugh, Associate Director and Senior Research Associate of the Forest Nutrition Cooperative at North Carolina State University will talk about "Resource Availability and Forest Productivity."

On Tuesday, May 5, Jose Stape, Associate Professor of Forest Nutrition and Site Director of the National Science Foundation Center for Advanced Forestry Systems at North Carolina State University will present "Pine and Eucalypts studies in Brazil."

These presentations will be filmed by the college's EDU-Cable Studio for the development of curriculum and outreach content for DVDs, Podcasts and Webcasts as well as for viewing on local cable television.

For more information about these seminars or the Forest Management Technology program at Southeastern Community College, contact John Robards at 642-7141, ext. 232 or at jrobards@sccnc.edu.

