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### **Evening at Emory Class Offers an Up-Close Look at Conservation**

ATLANTA – Public consciousness is saturated with “Going Green.” Evening at Emory is excited to offer the Atlanta community an exclusive opportunity to learn about conservation issues facing marine animals in *Conservation at the Georgia Aquarium*. In this class, students will learn how the Georgia Aquarium is addressing these challenges while fulfilling its mission to promote aquatic diversity throughout the world. This fascinating course will meet three consecutive evenings from 7-9pm, beginning on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The \$195 tuition includes parking and admission to the Georgia Aquarium.

Bruce Carlson, the Aquarium’s Vice President of Conservation, Research & Exhibits, will be leading the course. Carlson earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 1971. Following graduation, he joined the Peace Corps and was assigned to the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji, where he conducted a biological survey of marine life and established a permanent collection for the university. Upon finishing his time with the Peace Corps, Carlson moved to Hawaii where he earned his doctorate in ichthyology, the study of fishes. He lived in Hawaii for the next 27 years, working his way from student aquarist to Director of the Waikiki Aquarium. Carlson joined the Georgia Aquarium in 2002 and contributed to the early conceptual planning and design. He now oversees all conservation projects, as well as all graphics, audio-visual productions, and interpretive programming.

In *Conservation at the Georgia Aquarium*, specialists will combine illustrated lectures with behind-the-scenes tours to educate students about the aquarium’s ongoing research of whale sharks, and the Indo-Pacific coral reefs. Specialists will also discuss the accomplishments of the Georgia Aquarium’s 4R Program, particularly as it relates to the beluga whales.

Through this enlightening adult education course, Evening at Emory and the Georgia Aquarium hope to offer an exclusive behind-the-scenes opportunity to anyone interested in conservation issues facing marine animals and to reach out to those who have yet to experience the wonder of the world’s largest aquarium.

Evening at Emory is a program of the Emory University Center for Lifelong Learning that offers more than 150 academically challenging, socially-engaging classes in a wide variety of areas ranging from foreign language, yoga, and dance, to interior design, adventures in international cuisine and writing novels. Begin your personal renaissance with Evening at Emory!

To register and/or view a full schedule of course locations and descriptions, please visit: [www.EveningAtEmory.org](http://www.EveningAtEmory.org) or call 404-727-6000.

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