



Center for Gender in Global Context International Internship Opportunities

International Internships in Connection with MSU Study Abroad Programs

Malawi (Spring 2009) and Ghana (Spring 2010) :

MSU Faculty: Anne Ferguson, Tracy Dobson

Study Abroad Program Dates: TBA

Language required for internship: English

Study Abroad Program Description: The program, through the College of Social Science and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, will consist of two major components:

- 1) Six weeks of on-campus coursework and pre-departure seminars; and
- 2) Two weeks of additional course work in Ghana or Malawi plus and eight-week professional internship experience at a non-governmental organization (NGO) in Ghana or Malawi focused on development, agriculture, and natural resource management as they relate to women's and men's livelihood strategies.

Students participating in this program will take coursework and will also be placed in internships with NGOs that address processes of gendered agricultural and environmental change, learning firsthand about local livelihood strategies and how NGO and other programs are addressing these challenging conditions.

More information: <http://www.gencen.msu.edu>

India – Spring 2009

Faculty: Gail Vander Steep, John Schwartz, Mary Andrews

Language required for internship: English

Study Abroad and Internship dates: TBA

Study Abroad Program Description: This 12-week multidisciplinary study program set in New Delhi will allow you to live, work, and absorb the unique cultures of the subcontinent of India and experience a once-in-a-lifetime journey into the heart of the mysterious East. You will be immersed in the daily lives of the people. The program will challenge your mind and spirit and support your growing awareness of the world as a global community. You will learn about cultures and traditions dating back thousands of years, yet accommodating to the latest in modern technology and communications. You will observe diversity in its most extreme forms - wealth vs. poverty, urban crowding vs. rural isolation, illiteracy and educational excellence, religions of every form, and freedom of expression as never before appreciated!

The focus and centerpiece of this unique program is a field placement experience. Each student will be matched with an agency or organization working in an area of his or her professional interest. For six weeks students will serve as interns, working alongside agency staff in delivering

services to people. A wide variety of settings are potential sites - educational institutions, hospital and health care services, child development centers, organizations providing micro-credit and income-generating skills for women, sustainable agriculture and environmental groups, marketing and media agencies, etc. In addition to learning about the complexities of service delivery, interns will gain firsthand knowledge of the administrative challenges of operating non-governmental organizations (NGO's), a major institutional force in international development.

More Information: <http://studyabroad.msu.edu/programs/indiamulti.html>

Costa Rica - Summer 2008

MSU Faculty: Karen Meagher, Lisa Engelstein, Scot Yoder

Study Abroad Program Dates: June 8 – August 1, 2008 (tentative). The program is based in the capital San José, and various field trips will be organized to health care organizations outside of the city.

Internship Dates: Internships will take place after the study abroad program.

Language required for internship: Spanish (SPN 202 required)

Study Abroad Program Description: *Ethics and History of Development and Health Care in Costa Rica.* The program will be based in San José, the capital of Costa Rica. Field trips include visits to a variety of health care settings, including clinics in rural and poor areas and various regional and national hospitals; students also travel to national parks and eco-tourism sites to explore environmental issues. Last year excursions outside of San José included the Monteverde cloud forest, Irazú volcano, Arenal volcano (and hot springs), and Tortuguero National Park (where turtles come to lay their eggs on the beach). We also went to Cartagena, a small farming village in Limón, where students stayed with local families and worked at the "ecofinca," a project of community development growing medicinal plants organically for commercial sale.

More Information: <http://studyabroad.msu.edu/programs/costaethics.html>

Brazil - Summer 2009

MSU Faculty: Antoinette WinklerPrins

Study Abroad Program Dates: May 14 – June 4, 2009 (tentative). The program will take place in the Brazilian portion of the Amazon Basin, specifically the cities of Manaus, Amazonas State and Santarém, Pará State.

Internship Dates/Location: Internships would follow study abroad program with environmental organizations in Santarém or Manaus.

Language required for internship: Portuguese (PRT 202 required)

Study Abroad Program Description: In the last few decades the Amazon region has attracted a lot of attention as it contains one of the last large rainforests in the world while at the same time being transformed by regional economic change. This geography-based social science study abroad program is about understanding how people live in the Brazilian Amazon region and will focus on reconciling regional economic development with environmental sustainability. Through service-learning, various field excursions, readings, lectures, and discussions we consider how the need to provide livelihoods for local people can be met while at the same time protecting a global resource, the Amazon rainforest.

More information: <http://studyabroad.msu.edu/programs/brazilenvdev.html>

Senegal - Summer 2009

MSU Faculty: Ken Harrow, Mara Leichtman

Study Abroad Program Dates: TBA

Internship Dates: Internship would follow study abroad program. Internships with social justice organizations in Dakar.

Language required for internship: French

Study Abroad Program Description: Culture, Society and Islam in Senegal.

South Africa – Summer 2009

MSU Faculty: Anne Schneller

Language required for internship: English

Internship Dates: July 10 – August 15, 2009

Internship information: Student interested in internships do not have to enroll in the study abroad program. Internship with gender and/or environmental organizations in Durban. Students will be supervised by Dr. Schneller and may accompany students in the study abroad program on field trips. Dr. Schneller will help students set up home stays as well.

Call/e-mail for more information, application materials, and deadlines.

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