ANT 299/499 Malawi Immersion Seminar 2017
Instructor: Joseph Lanning                     4 credits

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The seminar is a three week study abroad/field school addressing health, social, political and cultural issues in Malawi, Africa using the anthropological method. The program will provide the necessary language and cultural training for meaningful and productive learning and research abroad. Students will spend 14 days living in a rural village with Malawian host families. Additional time will focus on language lessons, cultural training, as well as lectures in the areas of anthropology, history, public health, forestry and wildlife. Students will travel to Liwonde National Park for a two-night safari to conclude the seminar, enjoying wildlife, while presenting individual research projects and learning about the complex social-ecological system in the park. Prior experience in anthropology is not required.

Instructor
As an undergraduate at the University of Rochester, Joe had the transformative experience of studying abroad in Kenya, Africa. Following graduation, he spent two years serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Malawi working on health and agriculture projects. Joe’s combined experiences in Kenya and Malawi inspired the Malawi Immersion Seminar, which has brought students to Malawi since 2003. Joe completed his MA degree in global history, examining the age of exploration in southern Africa, and he is currently completing his PhD in Ecological and Environmental Anthropology at the University of Georgia. Joe has conducted fieldwork and coordinated teams of researchers in both Malawi and Kenya. His current fieldwork in Malawi examines agricultural decision-making, risk, social networks, and learning among rural Malawian farmers. Joe has also taught an ethnographic research methods course at University of Rochester and introduction to anthropology at the University of Georgia.

2017 Session Dates and Deadlines
Application Deadline: February 10, 2017
Program Dates: June 19 - July 7, 2017*
Program Fee Deposit: March 1, 2017

*Tuition and Fees
Tuition and fees total $3950, which includes:
• 4 academic credits
• All lectures and educational activities
• All in-country travel, meals, lodging, and fees
• A two-night safari to Liwonde National Park
• Travel health insurance
• All museum admission fees
• Chichewa language instruction

Additional fees (not included in the price of tuition):
• Airfare from U.S. to Lilongwe, Malawi (approx. $1,500 to $2,000)
• Passport
• Malawi Visa ($100)
• Required vaccinations: Hepatitis A, Typhoid (approx. $150)
• Required malaria prophylaxis (approx. $150)
• Souvenirs
• Personal travel supplies (luggage, flashlights, etc.)
• Textbook (approx. $15)

Program Details
Participants will be expected to keep daily ethnographic observations and field notes, attend Chichewa language sessions, perform an ethnographic research study and community survey, and participate in lectures and excursions with American and Malawian faculty.
**Highlights include**

- Open to ALL class years (Freshman-Graduate students) ANT 299 for undergraduates, ANT 499 for graduate students
- Open to students from any university
- Seminars by local experts on sustainable agriculture, language, economics, culture, history, religion, and public health.
- No prior study of anthropology required
- Courses in Chichewa language
- Guided tours of Lilongwe city markets
- Two-day safari at Liwonde National Park
- Training and experience in anthropological research methods
- Eight-day homestay in a rural Malawian village
- Hiking the escarpment of the Great Rift Valley
- Community-service work on rural irrigation projects

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APPLICATION

Instructions Please return completed application to Joseph Lanning via email to lanning.joseph@gmail.com
Applications must be completed no later than 5:00 pm February 10, 2017. Program applicants will be notified by email. Only 15 spaces available per session.
Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and applicants will be notified one week after application is received.

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Legal Name
Last (family) First (given) Middle (complete) Jr., etc.

Mailing Address
Number and Street
State Zip + 4 or Postal Code Country if other than U.S.

Parent/Guardian Name
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Email

Cell phone

Date of Birth - Month Day Year

Current Class Year ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Graduate Student ☐ Other

Undergraduate Major/Minor

Current University ☐ University of Rochester ☐ Other

Have you spent time abroad ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, where Length of stay

Please attach your typed answers to the following 4 questions in a Word Document.

1. Motivation Statement
In at least one paragraph, please provide a statement of your inspiration for wanting to participate in the Malawi Immersion Seminar. Relate these reasons to your undergraduate, graduate or career/life goals.

2. Cross-Cultural and/or Travel Experience Statement
In at least one paragraph, please illustrate a past experience in which you have worked, lived and/or learned in a cross-cultural situation. Draw from experiences in work, school or your community. No prior experience abroad is required for the program. Remember that cross-cultural situations occur both abroad and at home.

3. Research Abstract
Please provide an idea for a possible research project for your time before we leave and while in the field in Malawi. You may draw upon research on current events, the history of Malawi, or other experiences you have had in school, abroad, or in past projects. Research can be in any area of study in the Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences/Engineering. While your topic can be in any discipline, you will approach your research using anthropological techniques you will learn on the program.

4. Personal Skills, Talents Etc.
In 150 words or less, please describe any skills, talents or experiences you have that will help the program participants meet our stated goals. The goals of the trip are to contribute to the exchange of skills and culture with the people of Malawi in an effort to assess the health, social, political and cultural concerns facing Malawi and to work towards sustainable and community initiated improvements. Humor and creativity are welcome in your answer.

I certify that all information on this application for the Malawi Immersion Seminar 2017 is true and complete.

Electronic Signature (type name and date)