An Applied Medical Anthropology Project to learn more about our National Veterans!!

Explore Veterans’ Healthcare in West Michigan

Duration: May 9, 2011-June 22, 2011; Time: 3 Credits: MW 9:00a-2:50p; 6 credits: MTWR: 8:00a-2:50p; LMH 253

The Anthropology Summer Ethnographic Field School 2011 will explore the health status of Veterans living in West Michigan. It will explore their health status by studying information on i) income, ii) education, iii) health care and health culture, iv) food culture, v) source of water, vi) family demographics, and recommend ways to improve health quality and health care outreach.

This field school is designed to provide training in the application of research methods. Students at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) will learn participant observation, ethnographic survey, Lifehistory, and Focus Group methods as they collect and analyze data. Students will get an opportunity to meet and talk to the Veterans directly and will be exposed to their life and health culture.

The field school will give students the opportunity to meet three learning objectives: training in research methods, learning about health issues, and serving the community. The anticipated outcomes of this project are:

1. Use anthropological methods to assess healthcare status of Veterans living in West Michigan;
2. Undertake intervention to improve the health and wellbeing; and
3. Share findings with concerned policy makers, leaders, GVSU stakeholders, and other professionals.

The ANT 307 meets the requirement option for the Anthropology major degree. The study is part of a larger project called “Cross Cultural comparison of Veteran Healthcare in the USA and Bangladesh: A Student Driven Analysis of Medical Anthropology” (174204-2).

To apply, use the attached application form and sign up for the field school during registration in March!

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Name__________________________________________________________GVSU G #____________________

Age_______________ Year in College_________________________ GPA___________________________

Academic Major_________________________________________ Minor (if any)________________________________________

Local Address (include zip)__________________________________________Local Phone (______) _______ - __________

Address where you can be reached after the end of the winter semester (if different than above)
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Number of GVSU credits you expect to enroll for (3 or 6) ____ 3 credits ____ 6 credits

List courses you have had that might be related (anthropology, research methods, geology, etc.)
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List skills you might have that relate to applied class (video recording & editing, photography, drawing, transcribing, first aid, CPR, AED, GPS, use survey, etc.)
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Please list any physical condition that might restrict your ability to do fieldwork, or that the professor and students should be aware of in case of emergency (allergies - insects, pollen etc., back problems, sensitive skin -sun problems)
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Name and email address of a person who can serve as a reference________________________________________
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On the back of this form, please explain in one paragraph why you are interested in participating in the field school.

Return your application to: Dr. Azizur R. Molla
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