



**Go Global 2011
WTAMU College of Education and Social Sciences**

Ecuador: The Amazon and the Galapagos Islands

| <i>Go-Global Ecuador - Open to Graduate Students Only</i> |
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| EDAD 6308 - July 25-August 4 - <i>Service Learning in Educational Leadership</i> |
| EDAD 6311 - July 25-August 4 - <i>Educational Leadership & Group Dynamics</i> |
| EDPD 6304 - July 25-August 4 - <i>Multicultural Education</i> |
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Scholars,

You are invited to join Dr. Angela Spaulding and Dr. Eddie Henderson in a learning adventure to the Ecuadorian Amazon and the Galapagos Islands during summer 2011. The *Go Global* experience connects graduate course content with the development of cultural knowledge and cross-cultural understanding; service leadership; academic research and writing; and the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills through experiential learning in international settings. The *Go Global* experience provides students the opportunity to apply new knowledge, skills, and cultural understanding to their professional roles in order to positively impact the local and global community. Additionally, participating faculty members and students engage in meaningful scholarly activity associated with the *Go Global* initiative.

Itinerary

Day 1 – July 25, 2011

Monday

Flight to Quito. Upon arrival in Quito, airport reception and transfer to your hotel, JW Marriott.

Day 2 – July 26, 2011

Tuesday

Transfer to the airport to take the flight to Coca. Mid-morning 30 minute flight from Quito to Coca over the eastern Andes mountain range. After landing, transfer to Port Francisco de Orellana, to a comfortable covered motor boat. Here we start a ride along the Napo River for about two hours, having a lunch box en route. Along the way, birds like herons, kingfishers and others can be spotted. After landing at NWC's entry dock, we disembark for restroom stop and take a majestic and peaceful 1.5-hour dugout canoe ride surrounded by trees overhead, paddling along a narrow creek that connects to the lake where the lodge is located. You may see monkeys of various species as well as large birds like toucans, parrots or even macaws. Late afternoon arrival at the NWC lodge with a splendid view of Anangu Lake, welcome drink and facilities. After dinner, optional caiman (alligator) observation around the lake and natural sounds at night.



Day 3 –July 27, 2011
Wednesday

Early wake-up to reach the best and most accessible parrot clay licks in Ecuador, about 1 hour from the lodge. You will away reach there just before parrot activity kicks off at the clay lick between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. A total of 11 species of parrots, parakeets and macaws can be seen (depending on weather conditions). Later, hike along a forest trail to visit to the Quichua community of Anangu, where we will have time to share with the

families and their activities. Return to the creek and hike through a terra firma forest for about 30 minutes until we arrive at the second parrot clay lick where, if the weather conditions permit, we will be able to find different species of parrots, parakeets and even macaws. Box lunch at the parrot clay lick observatory. Late afternoon, return to the lodge.

Day 4 –July 28, 2011
Thursday

After an early breakfast, depart from the lodge for an amazing experience at a canopy tower on the Napo. A 36-meter (70 feet)-high canopy tower that opened in 2004, this is a great way to experience life above the forest floor. This is the second tower at the Napo Wildlife Center (the first is attached to the dining hall and allows great views of the lake). The canopy tower is located about 20 minutes from the lodge deep within the terra firma forest. As you ascend the 12-story tower, you pass through different levels of the forest and emerge on top of a huge Ceiba tree. Here you



cross onto a wooden platform that is actually built into the tree and experience the view formerly reserved only for the birds. The metal tower itself was constructed to the highest standards, galvanized, and carefully inspected by engineers. Safety is a priority. Flocks of colorful tanagers pass right through the canopy of the tree; Blue-and-yellow macaws fly past; nearby trees spider monkeys search for fruit; two species of large toucans call in the early mornings and afternoons, and the life of the forest canopy opens before you. Birds that are virtually impossible to see from the forest floor far below are suddenly right beside you, oblivious to your presence. The canopy tower opens a whole new world to guests of the Napo Wildlife Center. Return to the lodge for lunch. Afternoon, visit a terra firma trail, hike along primary forest to discover the forest interior, possibilities of finding lizards, colorful manikins or the unique and endemic golden mantle tamarin monkeys. After the hike, explore the lake and creeks by dugout canoe and maybe run into a giant otter family on the way.

Day 5 –July 29, 2011

Friday

Early departure and last excursion canoeing back to the Napo River. The creek may reveal new sightings of giant otters, monk saki monkeys or rare birds. Entry dock arrival and embark on motorized canoe in order to return to Coca. Arrival at approximately 11 a.m. in order to board the flight to Quito. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Quito at the JW Marriott.

Day 6 –July 30, 2011

Saturday

Transfer to the Quito airport for flight to Baltra airport in Galapagos. You are greeted by guides at the airport and transferred to the Itabaca canal to cross to the Island of Santa Cruz. Once on Santa Cruz, you will board a private bus to take you to the highlands. You will visit the enormous tortoises in their natural environment after enjoying lunch at a local farm. After this visit, we will continue south to Puerto Ayora where we will check into the hotel for the night. Evening free to relax and enjoy this small town.

Day 7 – July 31, 2011

Sunday

This morning you will have some free time to explore town on your own before we visit Charles Darwin Station. You will have the chance to investigate the Charles Darwin Research Station in Puerto Ayora, staffed with international scientists conducting biological research and conservation projects. Here you can also admire giant tortoises that are part of the breeding program. After this excursion, we will board the yacht that will be our home for the next few nights.



Day 8 – Aug 1, 2011

Monday

Española (Suarez Point)

Travelers enjoy a dry landing at Suarez Point. Upon landing visitors will learn more about the lava terrain while crossing the inactive lava fields. Aside from the sea lion colonies, this is one of the most important sites for bird watching.

As soon as visitors step on this island many species can be spotted and observed closely, including the hooded mocking bird and red-billed tropic. After crossing the nesting grounds you will reach the world's largest colony of waved albatross (15,000 approx.) since May until December their mating rituals are a highlight of the visit. Nearing the end of this excursion, passengers will visit the famous blowhole, where water shoots into the air at almost 23 m (75 ft.).

Española (Gardner Bay)

In the afternoon, passengers will visit Gardner Bay. Wet landing on a white coral beach amidst a large colony of sea lions. This site has no trails therefore hiking is not possible, but it is considered as an open area where you can spot Galapagos hawks, American oyster catchers, Galapagos doves, and hooded mockingbirds, three species of Darwin finches and yellow warblers, lava lizards, marine iguanas. All of these species are endemic to this island. This is a great place for swimming and snorkeling. The best place for this spot is by the rock outcropping that looks like a turtle. Often snorkelers see many of the Galapagos marine species such as: king angelfish, Creole fish, damsel fish, parrot fish, manta rays, white tipped reef sharks, and many more. Enjoy this snorkeling in a Galapagos aquarium.

Day 9 –Aug 2, 2011

Tuesday

Floreana (Cormorant Point)

Wet landing on a greenish colored sand beach. Passengers will hike a well-marked trail beginning in the Black Mangrove beds heading towards the back of the lagoon. The large, brackish lagoon holds one of the biggest

populations of flamingos in the Galapagos. This island is best known for its endemic plant life, such as: the Galapagos millwork, passion flower, and unique button mangrove (one of the four species in Galapagos). Novice snorkelers can practice back on the main beach where the sea lions are playful, while experienced snorkelers can roam the waters around Devils Crown.



Floreana (Post office)

Located on the north side of Floreana Island, the bay is so-named because in 1793, Captain James Colnett installed an empty barrel of rum which works as an informal post box for the sailors who periodically passed through the Galapagos, taking with them letters for their next ports of call or final destinations.

Today, our visitors continue the tradition by placing postcards without stamps inside the barrel which reach their destinations free of charge. Sometimes it takes weeks, sometimes months, and sometimes the cards never get there at all! Do you want to try this easy mail, please be ready your post cards and letters; it is a good way to get Galapagos friends.

A short walk from the famous barrel, across typical vegetation of the island, we come to a tunnel formed by lava flows. It's quite a tricky way down to a path where we can observe land birds such as mocking bird of Galapagos, some species of Darwin's finches, yellow warblers and lava lizards.

Floreana (Mirador de la Baronesa)

After a wet landing on "Mirador de la Baronesa", your naturalist guide will tell the murder and mystery legend of the Baronesa. This viewpoint is located on the north of the Floreana Island. It is a tuff basalt formation between Cormorant Point and Post Office bay. The climb on the trails is very easy. Steps are placed in this area for security.

Day 10 –Aug 3, 2011

Wednesday

North Seymour

After a dry landing, guests will encounter swallow tailed gulls and sea lions. This site is also known for being a major nesting colony of blue footed boobies and the largest colony of the magnificent frigate bird, a different species from the great frigate bird). Travelers will also spot both endemic species of iguanas, the marine iguanas and land iguanas. Passengers will enjoy this relaxed hike around the nesting sites.

Disembark at the docks (Baltra) where you will take a bus to the airport for their flight back to mainland via Guayaquil to Quito.

Day 11 – Aug 4, 2011

Thursday

Transfer to the airport this morning for your flight home.

In addition to the activities outlined in the itinerary, opportunities will be provided in each of the settings (urban -Quito, the jungle, and the islands) for participating WTAMU students to engage with individuals indigenous to each setting. In each setting, participants will visit a school serving the indigenous population unique to the setting: Urban children, the indigenous children living in the Amazon, and children living on the Galapagos island of Santa Cruz.

International Flights

July 25, 2011 - Monday

CO #2812 departs Amarillo, Texas at 1:25PM & arrives into Houston, Texas at 2:59PM
CO #653 departs Houston, Texas at 5:45PM & arrives into Quito, Ecuador at 11:00PM

August 4, 2011 - Thursday

CO #654 departs Quito, Ecuador at 6:45AM & arrives Houston, Texas at 12:08PM
CO #3033 departs Houston, Texas at 2:20PM & arrives into Amarillo, Texas at 4:02PM

To Register:

1. Contact Ms. Kathy Lefever at klefever@wtamu.edu for registration materials. Submit registration materials and \$500 nonrefundable deposit to the College of Education & Social Sciences, Old Main, Room 410, P O Box 60208, Canyon, TX 79016. **(No registration will be accepted without a deposit.)**
2. You will be called for an interview. *If you do not have a successful interview, your deposit will be refunded.*

Qualifications for Go-Global Travel:

- Completion of all registration forms and payments.
- Successful completion of the Go-Global interview.
- Trips are limited in enrollment and filled through a selection process that includes an interview and evaluation of your transcripts and IEF Study Abroad Application. Students must be physically capable of participating in all aspects of the trip.

Payment:

- Course tuition and fees are to be paid through the WTAMU Registrar and Business Office.
- Costs for the Ecuador trip is as follows:

\$ 500 Deposit Due May 15, 2011
\$1,000 Balance Due July 1, 2011

- All COESS Go-Global deposits are **non-refundable** unless the program is cancelled. The remaining amount is due 60 days prior to trip departure unless otherwise stated. Travel does **not** include: cost of the course/tuition, fees, books, insurance, passports/visa, or health immunizations. In addition, students are responsible for some meal expenses and the costs of souvenirs and other personal items. Students are responsible for costs associated with travel changes, travel from alternative locations, and personal or medical expenses incurred during travel or in travel preparation. (Please see "Terms of Participation" for further exceptions and requirements).
- Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 determined the semester prior to studying abroad in order to receive scholarship monies. In the event a student does not meet the scholarship criteria, they will pay for the full cost of the Go-Global trip, which can be in excess of \$3,000.
- Students may incur additional charges if paperwork is not turned in when specifically requested. (Lack of registration materials creates delays in our ability to process paperwork with the university and with our travel vendors. This results in unnecessary increases in cost and time.)
- Each student is required to pay for health insurance as administered by HTH Worldwide, One Radnor Corporate Center, Suite 100, Radnor, PA 19087 (hthstudents.com). The cost averages \$1.09 per day and the student will be notified closer to the time of the trip as to the actual cost of their insurance coverage. When the student is notified of the actual cost, the student must send their payment to the WTAMU Business Office. To learn more about the insurance, please go to the WT website, Academics, Study Abroad, Forms, Safety and Liability Forms. Note: Students may seek to supplement the HTH insurance with their own personal insurance policy or by purchasing additional insurance (at their own expense). Students are responsible for analyzing their own specific insurance needs and supplementing the HTH insurance in accordance to those needs.

Questions? Please contact Dr. Spaulding at aspaulding@wtamu.edu, Dr. Henderson at ehenderson@wtamu.edu or Ms. Kathy Lefever at klefever@wtamu.edu or call 806-651-2600.