

NICARAGUA

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

Education for Global Citizenship

June 23-July 1, 2012

About the Seminar

This professional development seminar is designed for faculty from a variety of disciplines in order to explore and discuss the meaning of global citizenship within the context of Nicaragua. Participants will be exposed to a broad cross-section of Nicaraguan society and will have the opportunity to explore theories and best practices of experiential education in an intercultural context. The seminar will give you the opportunity to network with faculty across disciplines and discuss ways to promote global citizenship.

The style of this seminar is experiential. Special attention will be paid to voices that have been underrepresented in academia. Each day will include speakers, field trips and opportunities for interaction with people from a diverse cross-section of local society. There will be guided sessions for analysis and reflection.

Itinerary and Overview

The following are examples of possible program content:

- Role of higher education in a globalized world
- Post-revolution & democratic transition
- Central America Free Trade Agreements: the pros and cons
- Civil society & political parties: how do

these promote and/or create obstacles to global citizenship?

- Alternative development models
- Poverty reduction, economic growth, and human development – Nicaragua's on-going challenge
- The history of women's participation in social change
- Land tenure & agricultural issues

Program Objectives

The faculty development seminar will:

- Allow you to experience Freirian pedagogy (experiential education in the global context)
- Provide you with opportunities to discuss the relationship between cognitive and affective learning
- Add more depth to your analysis of teaching and learning within responsible global citizenship
- Provide you with opportunities to network with faculty from a variety of disciplines to discuss global citizenship and its impact on higher education
- Share resources with you on the scholarship and best practices of experiential education
- Offer reflections on global citizenship

Accommodations

We utilize modest local hotels for lodging. You can generally expect to be housed two to a room with shared or private bathrooms.

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Cost

The cost of this seminar is \$1,695. This includes pre- and post-trip resource materials, in-country programming, language interpretation, honoraria for local resource people, all meals and lodging, ground transportation, and fees for activities included in the program. This price does not include airfare to/from Managua, Nicaragua. The program price does not include passport and visa application fees or entry and exit taxes. Your entry and exit taxes may be included in the cost of airfare.

Application and Payment

We welcome you to apply online! If you do not have online access, please contact us to get a hardcopy application (via mail or fax).

A \$250 deposit is required with your application. This deposit will be refunded only if the Center cancels the seminar. This deposit can be made by credit card or check.

Your application and deposit must be received no later than April 9, 2012. An "early bird" discount of \$100 is available to participants who register by February 2, 2012. In some cases, space may be available after the deadline – please contact the Center for more information. Final payment for the travel seminar will be due May 7, 2012. Please check our website or contact our office for more information.

Mission

The Center for Global Education at Augsburg College provides cross-cultural educational opportunities in order to foster critical analysis of local and global conditions so that personal and systemic change takes place leading to a more just and sustainable world.

Background

Founded in 1982, the Center is nationally recognized for its work in experiential, intercultural, and educational travel opportunities. More than 10,000 seminars have been coordinated, which are well-known and respected for exposing travelers to a variety of points of view, especially the perspectives of those working for justice and human dignity. The Center also has also served over 2,000 students from more than 300 colleges and universities through our undergraduate summer, semester, and internship programs in Mexico, Central America and Southern Africa.

Excellence

The Center was the 2003 recipient of the National Society for Experiential Education Program of the Year Award. CGE was recently recognized as a finalist in GoAbroad's Innovation Awards in two categories: technology and sustainability. CGE was also selected as a runner-up for the Diversity Network Innovation Award from Diversity Abroad. In 2012, CGE will celebrate its 30th anniversary.

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For more information

Contact the Center for Global Education at gloaled@augzburg.edu or 612-330-1159.

"This was a profound experience both on an intellectual and personal level — I've done a great deal of questioning of my own assumptions. It will affect how I teach and how I analyze other cultures in a significant way. As a whole, this has been a valuable learning experience."

—former travel seminar participant