

**Department of Society & Environment  
Update  
October 9, 2009**

We're rapidly approaching mid-term of Fall 2009 semester...

**ADVISING NOTES**

**New Majors** – make an appointment with your advisor before you plan your spring schedule. **Don't know who your advisor is?** Contact the department office: 785-4667 or [societyandenvironment@truman.edu](mailto:societyandenvironment@truman.edu)

**HOMECOMING** is this weekend! Parade at 9:00 am Saturday. Game, 2:00 pm Stokes Stadium with pre-game activities starting at 1:30.

**MEETING RE: DEPARTMENT FRATERNITY**

**THIS Sunday, October 11 at 2:30pm in BT 2222**

If you're interested in exploring options for a department fraternity – come to this organizational meeting.

**BEFORE BREAK:**

**THINKING ABOUT GRAD SCHOOL – ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR McNAIR?**

If you are the first in your family to go to college or if you're from another underrepresented group in graduate programs, the **McNair Program** might be for you. McNair helps with advising, mentors, paid research internships, presenting at conferences, GRE preparation, pays for graduate school visits and helps waive graduate school application fees for qualified students.

Talk to your advisor about whether McNair might be a good match for you.

Truman's McNair Program has informational meetings on **Monday October 12 in the SUB Conference Room 3000 at 2:30 pm or 5:30 pm.**

**MIDTERM BREAK – Thursday, October 15 & Friday, October 16**

If you're leaving town for break – **DRIVE SAFELY!**

**AFTER BREAK:**

**Career Expo** is WEDNESDAY Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Student Union Building  
FIRST-YEAR students should begin networking with employers and gaining insights into a career field

SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS & SENIORS should apply for interviews and spend the day networking with all employers.

[See career center newsletter attached for more info]

**SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES:**

## **TRAVEL THE SILK ROAD**

Wittenberg in China: On the Silk Road" summer program (mid-May 17 to mid-June). Please pass this on to interested students and colleagues.

This month-long program offers students an opportunity to explore China's past and present through a study of the historic and contemporary Silk Road through experiential learning activities, class discussions, and site visits.

The program is flexibly designed so students can pursue their specific interests in business, medicine, education, art, religion, etc.. For example, Wittenberg Management students have received equivalency credit for International Business; art majors may complete their art history requirement; and pre-Med students can learn first hand about both traditional Chinese and Uigher medical systems.

Students study as they travel along the Silk Road from Xi'an, Jiayuguan, Dunhuang, Turfan, Urumqi and Khotan; the program ends in Beijing.

There are no prerequisites, and the program is open to all students regardless of their major or graduation year. Where translators are required, they will be provided.

The program comprehensive fee of \$4,780 to \$5,780 (depending on number of participants) includes all expenses in China (transportation, room, board, entrance fees, course materials, health & evacuation insurance, and an allowance) and six Wittenberg (four-hour) credits. Additional expenses are the Wittenberg summer school application fee (\$40), international travel, Chinese visa, and small gifts for Chinese hosts. Graduate students may apply.

For application materials, see [www.wittenberg.edu/silkroad](http://www.wittenberg.edu/silkroad). Contact Dr. Marcia Frost at [mfrost@wittenberg.edu](mailto:mfrost@wittenberg.edu) or 937-327-7935 or Dr. Stephen Smith at [srsmith@wittenberg.edu](mailto:srsmith@wittenberg.edu) or 937-327-7506 or [www.wittenberg.edu/silkroad](http://www.wittenberg.edu/silkroad) for more information and application packets.

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## **STUDY PRIMATE BEHAVIOR IN COSTA RICA**

Danta: Association for Conservation of the Tropics and its academic affiliate (State University of New York at Oneonta) are pleased to announce their 2009/2010 field courses in tropical biology. The courses are intended for undergraduates or early graduate level students who have a keen interest in tropical biology and conservation, but have little or no experience of working in a tropical environment. Participants may enroll on either a credit or non-credit basis.

Summer 2009/2010 Course and Travel Opportunities:

Primate Behavior and Conservation (December 28 - January 17):

Instructors/Coordinators: Kimberly Dingess, State University of New York, Oneonta, Stacy Lindshield, Iowa State University, Dr. Nicolas Toth, Indiana University, Dr. Kathy Schick, Indiana University and Dr. Jessica Westin, Dickinson College

Primate Behavior and Conservation (July 1 - July 28): Instructors/Coordinators:

Kimberly Dingess, State University of New York, Oneonta, Stacy Lindshield, Iowa State University and visiting lecturers, TBA.

Tropical Ornithology (July 29 - August 18): Instructors/Coordinators: Dr. Nigel Mann , State University of New York, Oneonta and Professor Peter Slater, University of St. Andrews, Scotland.

Ecotravel Experience (June 22 - June 30). Kim Dingess (Trip Coordinator). Open to members of the general public, as well as to DANTA field course participants.

As much of our advertising is done by word-of-mouth, we encourage you to spread the word by forwarding this email to students or friends who may be interested in our programs.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.DANTA.info](http://www.DANTA.info) email [kdingess@danta.info](mailto:kdingess@danta.info).

We hope to see you in Costa Rica!

**ENJOY THE WEEKEND!**