Announcing MTSU’s seventh Ethnographic Field School in the Brazilian Amazon (to be held partly coterminous with the Archaeological Field School). An amazing opportunity to explore the *Riberinho* (river people’s) culture in the rain forest and conduct your own undergraduate research project in conjunction with Dr. Pace.

Estimated cost is $5000, which includes all travel (International and Domestic), room and board, and tuition. MTSU has a limited number of Study Abroad Scholarships available, URECA has grants for undergraduate research, and Financial Aid can be used as well.

If you are interested, please contact Dr. Pace immediately. Required for the Ethnographic Field School are Portuguese 1010 and 1020 – which you need to enroll in for the Fall semester and Spring semester. Also required is Peoples and Cultures of Brazil offered in the Spring semester.

ANTH 4940 - Ethnographic Field School: The Brazilian Amazon 6 credit hours

Summer 2017 – June 21 – July 30.

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Field experience in a cross-cultural setting. Training in ethnographic research techniques.

Required Text:

*Essential Ethnographic Methods: Observations, Interviews, and Questionnaires (Ethnographer's Toolkit)* by Stephen L. Schensul, Jean J. Schensul, and Margaret D. LeCompte.

Required Supplies/documents/vaccinations:

Students must provide their own hammocks and mosquito nets. Each student must have a first aid kit. Students are also responsible for obtaining a passport and the appropriate visa.

All students must have a yellow fever vaccination.

Course Description and Prerequisites:

The field school is designed utilize ethnographic research methods in a research setting. Students will need to take the required prerequisites before enrolling in the field school. The prerequisites include: 6 hours of Portuguese Language; 3 hours of Peoples and Cultures of Brazil; and participation in field school preparation meetings. Students must also design a research proposal (in conjunction with Dr. Pace) and submit it for Undergraduate Research funding. The student must also submit an IRB to the Office of Research.

The field school will run from June 21 to July 30. The first part will be held in the port city of Belém (jointly with the Archaeological Field School) where students will be introduced to the local culture. From that point, the group will board a riverboat for the 24 hour trip up river to the town of Gurupá where students will stay in homestays while conducting ethnographic research (the Archaeological Field School will come to Gurupá for the last week). When the field research portion of the field school is over, the group will travel by boat to Belém then fly to Rio de Janeiro for five days.

During the stay in Brazil, we will have class or meetings six days a week. During class we will discuss the following research methods:

Establishing rapport

Initial survey and mapping of the community

Film and photography protocols

Participant-observation

Writing field notes

Unstructured and structured observations

Informal interviews

Formal interviews

Interview schedules.

We will also discuss field work ethics, culture shock, and coping with health disorders.

During the stay in Gurupá we will take several trips into the rural interior by motorized boat and canoe. In Rio we will visit the Cristo Redentor stature, Sugar Loaf, Downtown, and of course the beaches.

Grades: You will be evaluated in three ways: (1) Participation in fieldwork and competition of research project (40%); (2) a midterm and final for the lectures (25%); and (3) assessment of daily field notes and the written report on research (35%).

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Pace (richard.pace@mtsu.edu).