

Johannesburg, South Africa

May 21-June 1, 2011



This course will examine social issues, development strategies, and health programs in the new South Africa. Students will participate in an International Symposium at the University of Johannesburg May 24-25 on “Social Protection in Southern Africa: New Opportunities for Social Development.” Additionally the course will explore how policy is being designed to respond to the needs of all South Africans. Our stay in Johannesburg will include visits to townships, local and national governmental and non-governmental agencies, health and medical facilities, cultural and tourist landmarks, and universities.

Lectures and discussions on social development, the HIV/AIDS pandemic, political transitions, and racial and cultural issues in South Africa will accompany this experience, allowing opportunity for analysis, reflection and collective learning. We will engage with people working in townships such as Soweto, visit a medical facility

treating persons with HIV/AIDS and cultural centers and museums. We will also meet with South African students and with UNC SSW graduates teaching and practicing social work in South Africa.

This course is open to all MSW graduate students, as well as practitioners, administrators, and educators in social work who want to learn more about social issues and culture in southern Africa. Friends and family members of participants are also welcome; however, priority will be given to students and social work educators and practitioners. There are no prerequisites for this course. Students taking the course for credit will earn three credit hours.

The program leaders for this trip are faculty from the UNC Chapel Hill School of Social Work and include Gina Chowa, MSW, PhD, Assistant Professor; Dan Hudgins, MSW, Clinical Instructor, Senior Policy Analyst, Jordan Institute for Families; and Sharon Holmes Thomas, MSW, Clinical Assistant Professor, Director of Recruitment, Admissions & Financial Aid.

Program Costs: The cost of this trip is estimated at \$1,950 plus airfare. Program costs are based on a minimum of 15 participants. Program costs are calculated on the current value of the Rand. Final program costs may vary slightly based on the value of the Rand. The program cost includes: program instructional costs (including UNC academic fee), double occupancy lodging and most meals, group excursions and cultural events, local transportation, agency visits and guest lecturers, and medical insurance. Extra excursions such as an optional four day trip to Cape Town and personal expenses, passport costs, and optional gratuities are NOT included in program costs.

Airline Costs: Current rates, round-trip airfare from Raleigh, NC to Johannesburg, South Africa are around \$1,500.00.

Application and Payment Schedule:

- **March 25, 2011** – Applications due
- **March 31, 2011** – Participants notified of acceptance
- **April 8, 2011** – An initial deposit of \$500, which includes a non-refundable \$50 application fee, is due for program cost. (Make checks payable to “UNC-CH – School of Social Work”; include [SA Summer Study Abroad](#) in the memo.) UNC Chapel Hill students interested in financial aid for this summer school program should submit the [“Summer Aid Application”](#) to the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid no later than April 1.
- **May 1, 2011** – Program balance of \$1,450.00 is due.

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