

Winter Break 2010 Migration Field Study Program
Mexico City- January 10-17

Mexico City has a long history of global significance as a center of business but also political asylum. This includes generously accepting refugees from the Spanish Civil War in the 1930s, central Europe and World War II in the 1930s and 1940s, the era of Latin American military dictatorships in the 1970s, the Central American wars of the 1980s, and today from Haiti and various African countries. It is where Gabriel García Márquez, the great writer and Colombian exile makes his home alongside many refugees in humbler circumstances. In addition, as the largest and most densely populated urban center in North America, Mexico City is extremely important for the United States. Its increasing social and environmental problems, as well as the threat of political instability, quite literally are our problems as well as Mexico's since turmoil in our neighboring country will undoubtedly spill over into this country, as already has happened in different ways with immigration and the drug trade. It remains one of the most economically important business centers in Latin America.

Given the significant interest on the part of the Alliance for Latin American Students, Casa de los Amigos, and Jim Krippner, on the topic of migration, the CPGC has facilitated the development of a winter field study.

- To be considered, fill out the Service Learning Application by November 8, 2009
- Selected students will be asked to read "Beyond Smoke and Mirrors: Mexican Immigration in an Era of Economic Integration," by Douglas Massey
- Debriefing/ reflection/processing session most every evening at the Casa facilitated by Jim Krippner
- Students will be required to enroll in one of the following courses for Spring 2010:
 - Krippner, History 209b Modern Latin America, History 317b Visions of Mexico,
 - McDonough, GNST B145 Introduction to Latin American, Latino and Iberian Peoples and Cultures,
 - Aurelia Gómez, Span 221 Modernity and Resistance in Twentieth-Century Mexican Narrative, Spanish 222 Rethinking Latin America in Contemporary Narrative

Itinerary

SUNDAY Jan 10	Arrival, settle into Casa, tour of neighborhood and of the house, Sunday potluck with Casa volunteers
MONDAY Jan 11	Introduction to work of Casa de los Amigos and work of the Casa Migration program, review of week's schedule Speaker: Sin Fronteras – current situation of migration in Mexico Zócalo visit

- TUESDAY Jan 12 Visit to Casa Espacio de los Refugiados (Refugee House)
meet with coordinator of AI's Refugee/Migration program
- Evening: film at Casa "De Nadie"
- WEDNESDAY Jan 13 Visit to Migrant House in Colonia Lechería, Municipality of Tultitlan,
State of México; evening free
- THURSDAY Jan 14 Visit to Teotihuacán (pyramids)
- Evening: Speaker –to be confirmed—(could be UNHCR: Refugees in
Mexico or Witness for Peace: The Roots of Migration)
- FRIDAY Jan 15 Speaker in Casa: OIM – migration and human trafficking in Mexico
- Visit to offices of Mexico City Migrant Attention Center
- Evening: Casa discussion group in English; migration related topic
(represents a chance to trade views on migration with "regular
Mexicans")
- SATURDAY Jan 16 Free day ¿Dinner out and/or Plaza Garibaldi?
- SUNDAY Jan 17 Departure

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