



Lagim Tehi

Tuma/Thinking Together (Bi-Co Dalun Community Fellowships) Dalun, Ghana and Philadelphia USA June 19-August 26, 2016 *(tentative dates)*

June 19-25 online

June 26-July 1 at BMC

July 1-August 19 in Ghana

August 20-26 online

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Lagim Tehi Tuma (“Thinking Together” in Dagbani), is a Bi-Co fellowship with the community of Dalun, Ghana. This project combines intensive team-building, collaborative study, and small, experimental education-focused projects to foster dialogue through which participants think together about culture, power, history, and learning. This process entails engagement with questions of race, class, gender, and other dimensions of identity; of colonialism, nationality, and postcoloniality; and of the discourses of development, postdevelopment and indigeneity. Lagim Tehi Tuma participants are encouraged to approach community-based study, work, and reflection from multiple centers — American and Ghanaian, academic and community-based, English and Dagbani, formal and informal contexts of learning and teaching.

Under the direction of Professor Alice Lesnick and Dalun- and BiCo-based Coordinators, and in collaboration with the University of Development Studies in Tamale, and the University of Ghana-Legon, LTT Fellows work with community mentors and stakeholders to think together such that all parties gain awareness and new questions. This process often entails unlearning received knowledge and shifting received frameworks for understanding as these are part of the very issues of culture,

power, and history in focus.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Fellows engage in a two-week intensive for study, planning, and teambuilding, then travel to Ghana 6 weeks continued study, action research, Dagbani language lessons, reflection (group and individual), and experiences. The Bi-Co group will then return to Philadelphia for one week of continued learning (just before the fall semester begins) for debriefing, report writing, and planning. All fellows commit to all pre-departure and post-travel programming hosted by CPFC and LILAC as well as to taking one of a set of recommended courses (or proposing one in its place) in order to continue and deepen their learning.

Action research internships in Dalun include the following. Fellows work in an internship but also support each other's work in other internships and share in program-wide activities such as the Black is Beautiful workshop. Further information may be found here at the program website: lagim.blogs.brynmawr.edu.

Titagya Schools (titagyaschools.org): early childhood education in Dalun and surrounding communities

In this internship, fellows assist in prekindergarten or kindergarten classrooms, collaborate on curriculum units, and assist with Family Day. They also learn and think together about the workings of a transnational NGO.

Simli Radio: community radio projects

In this internship, fellows learn about the work and reach of Northern Ghana's only community radio station, co-create content and programming and think together about the roles of radio and other media in rural communities.

Dalun ICT Centre: community and computer-based learning

In this internship with the Dalun community's central site for computers and information technology, Fellows assist in classes and work on projects to foster and think about digital literacy to serve the Dalun community's goals and needs.

NUTS AND BOLTS

- **Applications are due Sunday, February 7, 2017 at 11:59pm** via the CPGC's online application system. Applications should express a preference for working at one of the sites listed above.
- **LILAC and the CPGC will fund three students each. All students must apply through the CPGC's online application system**, available on the CPGC's homepage: <http://cpgc-apply.haverford.edu/>. Selected applicants will be contacted for an interview in mid-late February.
- **Applicants are encouraged to visit the Lahim Tehi Tuma website** for more information, and to return there for updates: <http://lagim.blogs.brynmawr.edu/>. Interested students should contact past LTT fellows with questions!
- For **more information** about the program's content and structure, contact Professor Alice Lesnick (alesnick@brynmawr.edu). For questions regarding the application and selection process, please contact Elias Mohr, at the Haverford College CPGC (emohr@haverford.edu) or Jennifer Prudencio, at the Bryn Mawr College LILAC (jprudencio@brynmawr.edu).
- Fellows will be expected to attend **Dagbani language lessons** throughout the summer, and are encouraged to begin their learning before the summer learning begins in earnest. Lessons are posted on the Lagim Tehi Tuma program's website!

"From the start, Lagim Tehi Tuma has always been about widening, and, sometimes, shattering, the lens from which we view ourselves and others, and much of that work can only be done in continuing dialogue and actions around race, class, power, and community. I have had the privilege to play many roles in this project over the years and what keeps my heart invested is its unwavering commitment and desire to adapt to the needs and wants of all communities involved. To me, Lagim Tehi Tuma is not a summer trip, but an exemplary lifetime project of international community building." -- Esteniolla Maitre, BMC '14, Former Fellow, Student Coordinator, Distance Coordinator, and Advisor