Lagim Tehi Tuma: Thinking Together
Bi-Co Dalun Community Fellowship
Bryn Mawr, PA and Dalun, Ghana
June 10-August 10, 2018 (tentative)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Lagim Tehi Tuma (“Thinking Together” in Dagbani), is a Bi-Co Summer Action Research fellowship with the community of Dalun, Ghana. Focused on understanding and rethinking education – formal and informal, community-based and self-directed – through study, action, and reflection, it combines several elements. These include:

- Team-building
- Independent and collaborative study
- Introductory language learning
- Internships with local organizations and mentors
- Special projects
- Speakers and excursions

The process of thinking together entails engagement with questions of history, culture, race, class, gender, and other dimensions of identity; of colonialism, nationality, and post-coloniality; and of the discourses of development, post-development and indigeneity.

Under the direction of Professor Alice Lesnick, Local Coordinator Alhassan Sumaila, and a Dalun-based leadership team, Lagim Tehi Tuma includes undergraduate students from with the University of Development Studies in Tamale.

2018 PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Fellows engage in a two-week intensive (one week at home/online and one week at Bryn Mawr), then travel to Ghana 7 weeks, then a final week at home/online for reflection, analysis and assessment. All fellows commit to all pre- departure and post-travel programming hosted by CPGC and LILAC as well as to taking one of a set of recommended courses in order to continue and deepen their learning.

Action research internships in Dalun are listed below. 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. Fellows will be expected to attend Dagbani language lessons throughout the summer, and are encouraged to begin their learning before the summer begins in earnest. Lessons and further information are posted on the Lagim Tehi Tuma program’s 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 together about digital literacy to serve the Dalun community’s goals.

Dalun Cultural Group

In this internship with the local drumming and dancing group, Fellows learn a traditional dance and think together about music and arts as forms of education.

NUTS AND BOLTS

Eligibility and Application Information: This internship is open to Haverford and Bryn Mawr students. Applicants must submit an application form, an unofficial transcript, and a recommendation form completed by a faculty member. Apply through CPGC’s website.

Stipend: During this ten-week program, the CPGC will cover interns’ expenses for food, flights and ground transportation, lodging, visas and vaccinations. The Center will pay the Summer Earning Expectation for students receiving financial aid in 2018-19.

CPGC’s Internship Program: All CPGC internships are part of a larger framework that goes beyond just a grant. Internships include pre-departure programming and post-internship requirements. More specific information about these crucial elements of programming can be found on the CPGC website. Interested applicants must meet with the Manager of International Programs, Stephanie Zukerman.

Deadline: The deadline for this internship is Sunday, February 4, 2018 via the CPGC’s online application platform. Applications should express a preference for working at one of the sites listed above. Selected applicants will be contacted for an interview in mid to late February.

For More Information: 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 Stephanie Zukerman at the Haverford College CPGC (szukerma@haverford.edu) or Jennifer Prudencio, at the Bryn Mawr College LILAC
Interested students should contact past LTT fellows with questions!

"From the start, Lagim Tebi 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 Tebi 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.