Lagim Tehi Tuma (Bi-Co Dalun Community Fellowships)
Dalun, Ghana and Philadelphia USA
June 20-August 26, 2016
(tentative dates)

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 indigenous approaches. Lagim Tehi Tuma participants are encouraged to approach community-based work 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 in Legon, students and community mentors work to learn about and support initiatives already underway in Dalun. Through shared work and study, the program encourages participants 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 three-week intensive study at Bryn Mawr, then travel to Dalun for 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 predeparture 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.

Sites for Action Research Projects in Dalun include the following, and further information may be found here at the program website: lagim.blogs.brynmawr.edu.

Titagya Schools: early childhood education in Dalun and surrounding communities
Titagya Schools’ approach to early education emphasizes interactive learning, which has been demonstrated to be effective in repeated studies and which is rare in the region. Focusing on early education is the most impactful way to develop the next generation of doctors, entrepreneurs, teachers, informed voters, and leaders in Ghana.

Simli Radio: community radio projects
At northern Ghana’s only Dagbani-language radio station, fellows will be able to contribute to the content and programming and learn about the use of community radio stations as tools of international development and as amplifiers of local knowledge.
Dalun ICT Centre: community and computer-based learning

The Dalun ICT Center is the Dalun community’s central site for computers and information technology. In the past, Fellows have worked on projects to promote digital literacy to serve the Dalun community’s goals and needs.

Bi-Co Fellows will collaborate with UDS students through the technology and space provided by the Hopin Academy in Tamale and the Dalun ICT Centre.

NUTS AND BOLTS

- **Applications are due Sunday, February 7, 2016 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/](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/](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 Chloe Tucker, at the Haverford College CPGC (ctucker@haverford.edu).
- Selected 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!