



BRYN MAWR
ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Ghana

**Thinking Together with a BiCo, Transnational Collaborative:
A Journey with Current Students.**



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Term Professor of Education; Director, Bryn Mawr/Haverford
Education Program; Faculty Convener for International Programs.



Dear Bryn Mawr Alumnae and Friends,

You are invited to travel to Ghana in a unique way: in collaboration with the annual undergraduate summer action research fellowship “Lagim Tehi Tuma,” which means “Thinking Together” in Dagbani, the language of the Dagomba people of Northern Ghana. All of the photographs in this brochure come from this program and feature Bryn Mawr and Haverford students’ experiences.

On this trip you will travel as a member of a Bryn Mawr/Haverford Collaborative committed to an over-time, multi-party conversation about learning and teaching with a transnational approach. Inspired by one of the College’s first 360 course clusters, our journey will take place in the context of partnerships between Bryn Mawr College and the community of Dalun, in Northern Ghana, and three educational organizations there: a preschool and kindergarten; a community radio station; and an internet training center; with two universities -- the University of Ghana-Legon (Ghana’s flagship university) and the University for Development Studies (Ghana’s newest university, in the Northern Region); and with several individuals.

In dialogue with six Bryn Mawr and Haverford undergraduate students and Ghanaian partners, you will be asked to explore challenging questions of history, culture, knowledge, and power in a transnational context and pushed to reconsider the ways that race, gender, and postcoloniality structure our relationships and even knowledge. These conversations will be informed by honest encounters with one another, by shared work and learning, and by uncovering what we don’t know, and might re-think, about how our histories and futures intersect.

As these topics make clear, this is not a typical vacation. I hope you will join me on this memorable experience.

Sincerely,

Alice Lesnick

Term Professor of Education
Director, Bryn Mawr/Haverford Education Program
Faculty Convener for International Programs.

STUDY LEADER



Alice Lesnick is Term Professor of Education and the Director in the Bryn Mawr/Haverford Education Program, and Faculty Convener for International Programs at Bryn Mawr College. A literacy researcher with particular interests in community-based learning and distributed knowledge, Alice's current research focuses on the dynamics of learning and teaching in a postcolonial context and on community radio as pedagogy. Alice has created and teaches a broad range of courses at the College, where she is in her 20th year. A former preschool, elementary, middle, and high school teacher, Alice is the recipient of the Rosalyn R. Schwartz Teaching Award at Bryn Mawr College and a faculty associate/teacher development facilitator with the Institute for Writing and Thinking at Bard College; this year, she is leading an embedded professional development program in a Philadelphia charter school in partnership with the Institute. Since 2013, Alice has led the Lagim Tehi Tuma/Thinking Together Program, in which BiCo and Ghanaian university students join with community mentors each summer for action research, reflection, study, and language learning in collaboration with three education projects: an early education NGO, a community radio station, and a technology training center in Northern Ghana.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Travel with Bryn Mawr and Haverford College student participants in the undergraduate summer action research fellowship "Lagim Tehi Tuma", or "Thinking Together", who will be interning and exchanging with local education organizations in Dalun.
- ▶ Think about the meaning of learning and teaching in a postcolonial context, situated in the first African nation to become independent.
- ▶ Interact with community leaders as well as faculty and students from the University of Ghana-Legon and the University of Development Studies.
- ▶ Explore Mole National Park--Ghana's largest park and a diverse eco-system.



PROGRAM ITINERARY

July 1 – Overnight flight to Accra (meals aloft)

July 2, 3 and 4 – Arrive Accra/ Univ of Ghana-Legon

You will arrive in Accra, the vibrant capital of Ghana, on July 2nd. Here, as an intergenerational team of students and alumnae, you will begin the in-country orientation process. Our time in Accra will include opportunities for visiting important sites connected to Ghanaian independence from British colonial control and intersections with the U.S. civil rights struggle, such as the W.E.B. Dubois Center for Pan African Culture, as well as shopping at the famous Art Centre and enjoying Ghanaian cuisine. In addition, you will meet with faculty from the University of Ghana-Legon's Institute of African Studies, one of Bryn Mawr's International University partners, where academic leaders will continue the orientation process with lectures, panel discussions, conversation over meals, and an in-depth tour of the University. *Overnight: Yiri Lodge (B)*

July 5 and 6 – Tamale & Dalun school visit supported by Bryn Mawr

From Accra, you will travel to Tamale, the capital city of Ghana's Northern Region, and from Tamale to the village of Dalun, where Lagim Tehi Tuma/Thinking Together, the BiCollege Summer Action Research Project, takes place. Beginning with an interview with the Chief, you, together with the students participating in this summer's Fellowship, will visit and talk with leaders in local educational institutions where the students intern, including a preschool

and kindergarten, a community radio station, and an internet training centre. Opportunities for reflective discussion will be integral to this stay, particularly as we consider the history of Ghana's Northern Region and the meanings of education, identity, and development in a postcolonial context.

Overnight: Gariba Hotel (B)

July 7, 8 and 9 – Mole National Park

For the final leg of the trip, you will travel to Ghana's largest national park. Located in northern Ghana, Mole National Park is a premier protected area and offers opportunities to observe elephants, other large mammals, and birds. You will have the opportunity to participate in morning and afternoon game drives, walking tours, and visits to local communities. *Overnight: Zaina Mole Lodge (B, L, D)*

July 10 – Return to Accra/ Departure

Fly back to Accra and connect to your onward flight home or continue your stay in Ghana (see extension next page).



TOUR PRICE

GROUND COST: \$2,995 per person (double occupancy) \$800 single room supplement

INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodations and meals as indicated above.
- Activities and day excursions as indicated above.
- Domestic flights: Accra-Tamale-Accra.
- All airport transfers.
- All park and concession fees.
- Morning and afternoon game activities during safari with professional guides at Mole National Park.

EXCLUSIONS:

- International flights.
- Visas and vaccinations (pre-purchase required for Ghana entry).
- Tips/ gratuities to drivers, guides, trackers.
- Beverages.
- Laundry, dry-cleaning, telephone/ fax/ internet.
- Supplemental travel insurance.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION



July 10- Overnight in Accra

Overnight: Fiesta Royale Hotel (B)

July 11 & 12- Cape Coast & Kakum Forest

Visit forts, castles and slave dungeons of Ghana. History will unfold the dark history of the slave trade. You will also visit the Kakum National Park- a tropical rain forests managed by the local community. Take a walk on the canopy walkway hanging 40 meters above the forest ground.

Overnight: Coconut Grove Hotel (B)

July 13- Return to Accra/ Departure

Depart for home in the evening.



OPTIONAL EXTENSION

1 night Accra/ 2 nights Cape Coast

GROUND COST:

\$1,197 two guests (double occupancy)

\$300 single room supplement

INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodations and meals as indicated above.
- Activities and day excursions as indicated above.
- Guide.

EXCLUSIONS:

- International flights.
- Visas and vaccinations (pre-purchase required for Ghana entry).
- Tips/ gratuities to drivers, guides, trackers.
- Beverages.
- Laundry, dry-cleaning, telephone/ fax/ internet.
- Supplemental travel insurance.



TOUR RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a space, please complete and return this form with your deposit of \$850 payable to Immersion Journeys. Mail to 455 Main Street, Suite 5M, New York, NY 10044 or fax to 917-210-4093. We will not process your deposit until you are assigned a place on the tour. Please contact 917-686-2620 or 302-743-7005 if you have any questions about the registration process or email us at info@immersionjourneys.com.

Enclosed is my/our deposit check of \$_____ (\$850 per person)
 Please charge my/our deposit of \$_____ (\$850 per person) to my: VISA MasterCard American Express
Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____
Security Code (4 digits for AMEX/ 3 digits for others) _____

Authorized Card Holder Signature: _____ Date: _____

The balance of the trip is due on May 1, 2017. Final payment by check only.

Please sign me/us up for the optional extension

GUEST INFORMATION

Name 1 (as on passport): _____

Passport # _____ Nationality _____

Issue Date (mm/dd/yy) _____ Expiration (mm/dd/yy) _____

Date of Birth: _____ (mm/dd/yy) Bryn Mawr Affiliation _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Work: _____

Email (write clearly): _____

Name 2 (as on passport): _____

Passport # _____ Nationality _____

Issue Date (mm/dd/yy) _____ Expiration (mm/dd/yy) _____

Date of Birth: _____ (mm/dd/yy) Bryn Mawr Affiliation _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Work: _____

Email (write clearly): _____

I prefer single accommodations (due to limited space this is not guaranteed and if necessary you will be assigned a rooming partner of the same gender).

I plan to room with _____ Double Twin (separate beds)

I prefer to share accommodations (if roommate is not available, I will pay the single rate)

Emergency Phone # & Contact Name (during trip): _____

Please indicate any special needs (diet, health, mobility etc): _____

By submitting my/our deposit of \$850 per person, I/we am/are registering for the Ghana program and have read and agreed to the Immersion Journeys terms & conditions. I understand that portions of this trip will be moderately strenuous, will include some long drives and may include unpaved paths, steps and will be outdoors. I/we also agree to be in good physical shape and will be prepared to walk without a fulltime walking aid or wheelchair. I / we also take responsibility for purchasing our own supplemental travel insurance including medical evacuation coverage.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT

Your signature on our tour reservation form will signify your agreement with the following terms and conditions.

Introduction:

These are the terms and conditions applicable to the tour packages provided by Immersion Journeys LLC, Bryn Mawr College and Engaging Journeys Inc (collectively "Immersion Journeys", "we", "us" and "our"). The terms "client" "you" and "your" refer to each person who purchases and/or uses a tour package provided by Immersion Journeys.

Benefits of Tour Packages:

Our tour packages offer services of a professional tour guide, accommodations, meals as outlined in the itinerary, transportation as specified in the itinerary and excursions and tours as outlined in the itinerary.

Immersion Journeys may, from time to time, offer you optional services or benefits. By using those services and/or benefits when they become available, you agree to be bound by any supplemental terms applicable to those services or benefits. We will send final documents and tickets by overnight or registered mail approximately two (2) weeks prior to the start of the tour.

Rates and Exclusions:

The rates and charges for tour participation are those established at the time the tour is booked with Immersion Journeys. We reserve the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs, taxes and V.A.T. received after prices are published and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Published rates and charges are typically "per person," based upon double occupancy with en suite bath (unless otherwise stated). Single rooms are subject to a single room supplemental charges which are stated in the proposal. Expenses and terms not specifically identified in the applicable Immersion Journeys produced quotation are not covered. These include any paperwork or charges associated with: passports, visas, immunization, meals other than those specified, optional excursions, trip protection coverage, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine and liquor), all beverages excluding those provided in Immersion Journeys vehicles, telephone calls, room service, laundry, personal items, baggage handling, international airfare unless otherwise stated, gratuities and transportation to or from any departure gateway and any other costs that might be incurred not stated in tour package. Some governments charge departure taxes and/or fees. These fees are the responsibility of each passenger traveling to the designated country and are not included unless stated.

Payment: We accept the following forms of payment: major credit cards, bank transfer or checks drawn on a U.S. Bank. Credit cards will incur a service fee of 3-5% paid by the client.

You must promptly pay the following fees and charges for participation in an Immersion Journeys tour.

Airfare: Full payment per person is due in order to purchase airline tickets. Airline cancellation policy shall apply. Discounted airfare quote (if available) is subject to purchase of ground package.

Ground Package: A deposit of \$850 per person per tour is required immediately to secure the tour and services. This amount may vary depending on the destination, accommodations and services.

Balance: The balance of the tour price is due 60 days before departure.

Revisions:

A fee of \$125 per booking for each change made sixty (60) days or more prior to the start of the tour. The cancellation fees set forth below apply to changes made less than sixty (60) days prior to the start of the tour.

Cancellation by You:

We must receive your cancellation notice in writing by email, fax, or overnight courier, and your cancellation date will be the date on which we receive your notice. Simultaneously with your notice, you must pay the following cancellation charge based upon the amount of notice provided. In addition, airline cancellation policies shall apply for cancelled tours involving air transportation:

Penalty	Number of Days of Advance Written Notice
\$650 per person 50 percent (50%)	Sixty-one (61) or more Between twenty-one (21) and sixty (60)
One hundred percent (100%)	Less than twenty-one (21)

There is no refund for unused portions of a tour once it has commenced, and you are solely responsible for costs incurred by you due to missed, canceled or delayed transportation. Your decision not to participate on the tour due to State Department warnings, fear of travel, illness or any other reason will be deemed a cancellation. If a flight or other delay for any reason prevents you from joining the tour on the tour departure date and time, you will be considered a no-show, and we cannot provide a full or partial refund or credit toward a future tour, but you may join the tour late if you wish and must pay an additional operational expenses if applicable such as, but not limited to special transport arrangements, hotel accommodations and local staff to assist.

Insurance:

Immersion Journeys recommends that you purchase trip cancellation, medical, and baggage insurance to cover penalties and cancellation charges. Please contact Immersion Journeys if you wish to purchase such insurance. However, any questions about what travel insurance does or does not cover should be addressed directly to the travel insurance company. If you decline insurance coverage, you will personally assume full responsibility for any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements, and you could lose your travel investment and/or have to pay more money to correct the situation. Once your registration is processed, you will receive information on trip cancellation from Bryn Mawr College. Please contact Sarah Doody at sdoody@brynmawr.edu or 610-526.-316 with any questions.

Cancellation or Substitution by Us:

We will make commercially reasonable efforts to keep the itinerary as it has been published; however, the final itinerary may vary due to availability and factors beyond our control. We may in our sole discretion substitute services such as hotels or goods of similar quality for any service or good stated in the itinerary. If a tour is cancelled, our liability is limited to a full refund of your payments, and we will not be liable for any other costs, damages, or refunds of any kind for any loss, delay, inconvenience, disappointment, or expense whatsoever in such circumstances. If for reasons beyond our control, a tour in progress must be interrupted or cancelled, we will refund a portion of the price depending on our actual costs incurred.

Airfares:

Airlines and airfares included in any brochure are subject to change without notice. Please check with Immersion Journeys or your travel agent for conditions applicable to your airline ticket. Even after you have paid, tours with scheduled air transportation within or from the United States are subject to supplemental price increases that may be imposed by the supplier and/or government. You hereby consent to any such price increase. We will not change your requested seat assignments on commercial aircraft without permission. However, airlines often change seat assignments to satisfy their loyalty members or because of equipment changes (aircraft type). We are not notified of these changes in advance, and often clients are not made aware of these changes until they arrive at the airport. We are not responsible for seat assignment changes made by the airline. Frequent flyer programs are private agreements between airlines and passengers, and we cannot be held responsible for mileage discrepancies involving airline loyalty reward programs.

Passports and Visas:

International travel requires a passport valid 6 months beyond your intended return travel date. In many cases, you will also need to have multiple consecutive blank visa pages within your passport (the number varies depending on the destination(s)). Many destinations also require that visas be obtained prior to travel. Please speak with us if you are unsure about the visa requirements for your travel destination, but you are solely responsible for complying with passport and visa requirements.

Security and Safety:

We are strongly committed to protecting your security and well-being. However, travel, safaris and sightseeing endeavors are inherently dangerous activities. Immersion Journeys strongly recommends that you exercise extreme caution when participating in tour events. Parts of your tour may involve high altitudes, hiking, cycling and/or driving over rough and dusty terrain.

All tour participants booking with Immersion Journeys certify that they are in good health, fit to travel and have no specific medical problems. It is the responsibility of each tour participant to obtain health and medical certificates, inoculations and vaccinations. Any physical disability that may require special attention or treatment must be reported in writing at the time your reservation is made. Passage may be refused to any person whose state of health or physical conditions render them, in the opinion of the tour company or its suppliers, unfit. Children under sixteen (16) years of age must be supervised by parent(s) or guardian(s) who will bear ultimate responsibility of their actions. Immersion Journeys recommends that you purchase insurance to cover medical expenses, trip cancellation and interruption, and loss of baggage. Please contact Immersion Journeys for further details.

Information:

Information that Immersion Journeys publishes in its brochures, collateral material and on its web site is believed to be accurate and reliable. Immersion Journeys makes no representations or warranties regarding such information or any information provided by a third party. Unless expressly stated in writing, Immersion Journeys does not endorse the products or services offered by any company or person identified in its brochures, collateral material or web site, nor is Immersion Journeys responsible for any content published by a third party.

Vendor Acts or Omissions:

We act only in the capacity of agent for the suppliers of the travel services named in your itinerary or otherwise providing services or goods in connection with the tour (the "Vendors"), such as airlines, hotels and other lodging providers, local hosts, sightseeing tour operators, bus lines, car rental companies, driving services, restaurants, and providers of entertainment. We assume no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission of any of the Vendors or airlines providing flights to or from your tour.

Conduct During the Tour:

You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

Limitation of Liability and Damages:

In no event will we be liable for any injury, loss, claim, damage, or any special, punitive, exemplary, direct, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages of any kind, whether based in contract, tort, strict liability, or otherwise, that arise out of or are in any way connected with the tour, even if advised of the possibility of such damages. In no event will our aggregate liability exceed the total tour price set forth in the itinerary.

Force Majeure:

We assume no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any matter beyond our exclusive control including but not limited to a delay or cancellation that causes you to miss all or any portion of the tour, acts of God, acts of government, war, terrorist acts, riots, disaster, weather extremes, or strikes. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial condition of the Suppliers, unsafe conditions, health hazards, weather hazards, or climate extremes at locations to which you may travel. You understand that health care standards, facilities, and services abroad may be different or even inadequate for treating health conditions. For information concerning possible dangers at foreign destinations, we recommend contacting the Travel Warnings Section of the U.S. State Department at (202) 647-5225 or www.travel.state.gov, and click on "Travel Warnings." For medical information, we recommend contacting the Centers for Disease Control at (877) FYI-TRIP or www.cdc.gov/travel.

Indemnification:

You shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Immersion Journeys, Bryn Mawr College, Engaging Journeys and its officers, employees, directors, suppliers and agents, in their individual capacities or otherwise, from and against any Losses arising out of: (i) your negligence; (ii) your failure to comply with applicable law; or (iii) your failure to comply with these terms conditions.

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You hereby consent to our use of pictures or video of you in our marketing materials without compensation. Facsimile or scanned transmission of any signed document shall be deemed delivery of an original.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE:

You acknowledge that you have voluntarily applied for this tour. You understand that you may travel to countries and areas that are inherently risky. You are prepared to assume risks associated with this tour including; forces of nature; terrorism; civil unrest; war; accidents; and transportation including land vehicles, boats, and aircraft that are not operated and maintained to the standards found in North America, and you hereby assume such risks. You also assume risks associated with altitude, illness, disease, physical exertion, and alcohol consumption, knowing that access to evacuation and/or suitable medical supplies and support may not be available. By signing this document, you agree to take full responsibility for your own actions, safety and welfare.. You also understand that you will be a member of a group and will conduct myself in a way that will not endanger the group or yourself. You understand that if you fraudulently represent yourself as fit for this tour, you may be removed prior to or during the tour at your own expense.

