SIGN-UP INSTRUCTIONS
FOR MAY 2013
JUNIORS ABROAD TRIPS
(And Cross Cultural Study Courses)

March 2012

TO: **Eligible Sophomores** (students who are in their second year of college)
FROM: **Paul Chamberlain, Director of Juniors Abroad**

This memo provides the general information you will need to sign up for a Juniors Abroad Cross Cultural Experience course for May 2013. This year George Fox University is offering ten options for Juniors Abroad. Descriptions of these courses are included below.

JUNIORS ABROAD INFORMATION MEETING

6:00 PM, Wednesday, March 7, 2012
Lemmons Room 8

A very important opportunity for all sophomores to get information on the Juniors Abroad courses and sign-up requirements and to ask questions. This meeting should last about a 30 – 40 minutes.
Please make every effort to attend. You ARE RESPONSIBLE for ALL information that is shared at the meeting

JUNIORS ABROAD REGISTRATION

Registration for Juniors Abroad, May 2013, will be on
Friday, March 16, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.
in the **Registrar's Office, Stevens Center**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW

This will be a special registration for Juniors Abroad trips only!
You can NOT line up for registration before noon on Thursday, March 15.

JUNIORS ABROAD LOTTERY AND TENT CITY SIGN UP RULES

Due to the popularity of Juniors Abroad and the demand for certain trips; the George Fox ASC will use a lottery system to determine your position for Tent City and the order for registration. If you have any questions please contact Elizabeth Tolon at etolon06@georgefox.edu

The rules:

1. Gather a group of no more than 5 people and designate a group leader
   a. You may not be signed up with more than one group
2. Here is a link to the registration page – **Do NOT register until after the information meeting.**

   https://docs.google.com/a/georgefox.edu/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHpKUEpLWE5BcjIzazA4aTVvcnFHT3c6MQ#gid=0

3. Fill out the online form and submit it no later than **Tuesday, March 13th**
4. Your information will be gathered and will go through a random selection process
   a. This list will provide your Tent City spot and ultimately your position to sign up for Juniors Aboard.
5. After a master list has been compiled, ASC will email it to all participants
6. You may begin setting up your tents at 12pm on Thursday, March 15th
7. Each group's tent must be set up and continuously manned from **10 p.m. until 8 a.m. the following morning**
8. Tent checks can occur at any time after 10 p.m.
   a. If a tent check occurs on your tent and no one is present, then your group will be placed in the back of the line
   b. Inclement weather is no excuse to abandon the tent
9. Sign ups will begin at 8 a.m. in front of Stevens with the Registrar's Office
   a. Donuts, coffee, and other breakfast like items will be provided

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT JUNIORS ABROAD

• **George Fox Juniors Abroad website - juniorsabroad.georgefox.edu**. All forms and sign up instructions will be posted here. General Policies are also listed on the website. You should be familiar with these.

• **Students MUST be in their second year of college or higher to participate.**

• **You must have a current passport by January 18, 2013. If you do not have a passport you can be removed from the course and trip. See instructions below.**

• **You cannot double-book classes.** You can **NOT** register for another course that meets on the same night and time as the Cross-Cultural course. Please make sure that you do not enroll in a Juniors Abroad course at the same time as a required course for your major.

• **You cannot attend an off-campus program** and be enrolled in the Juniors Abroad course the same semester. You can go on Juniors Abroad the following year and have the same priority as a junior. You are responsible for contacting the Director of Juniors Abroad the year of your trip.

• You can include the course as part of your spring semesters block tuition. However, if you go over 18 hours you will be charged for the extra credits. You can audit the course, but you will not receive academic credit. Audit credit for Juniors Abroad courses is charged at half the rate of regular tuition.

• Juniors Abroad is a transportation-subsidized Cross-cultural course, offered to any junior student who has fulfilled the requirements. Seniors, who have not been on a trip, can also sign up on a space available basis.

• The Juniors Abroad course may be used to fulfill the Global and Cultural Understanding General Education requirement.

• To secure a place in next year's Juniors Abroad program, you need to register for one of the following courses in your spring semester block. Priority is given to students on a first come, first served basis. Seniors can register, but they will be put at the bottom of the waitlist.

• Next November, an informational meeting will be held and further information will be sent to each of you at that time including student cost. You will find information on the program's general policies in the University's catalog and on the **George Fox Juniors Abroad website (juniorsabroad.georgefox.edu**)

• A non-refundable $300 deposit will be due on **January 18, 2013. No money is due now.**

• Transfer students who choose to go on a Juniors Abroad trip will be charged an extra fee based on the number of semesters that they attend George Fox.

• Eligibility requirements include a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 at the end of the fall semester preceding the May trip and good standing with the Student Life Office. Students not meeting these requirements will NOT be allowed to participate.

•Typical student costs range from $2000 - $2500. This amount includes all transportation, food, lodging and required activities and is approximately 50% of actual cost.

• Trips to developing countries might also require VISAS. International students may also require VISAS where US citizens do not.

• **Certain trips to developing countries will REQUIRE immunizations. These MUST be obtained or you cannot go on the trip.**

• You are required to attend all class sessions.

• **NOTE to spring athletes: In the past, every two years, we have had a June trip that allowed spring athletes to go on Juniors Abroad without giving up their sport for that May. However, due**

to lack of interest and the difficulty of finding faculty leaders this option will NO longer be available.

- If you have any questions on eligibility, etc. please contact the Director:

Paul Chamberlain, Director of Juniors Abroad, x2702, EHS 310
pchamberlain@georgefox.edu

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please be aware that the University reserves the right, in the event of an international monetary, military, health, or other crisis to cancel or postpone a trip, or to make alternate arrangements

- **HOW DO I SIGN-UP?**

1. **REGISTER FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE COURSES:**
   See course descriptions below

GEED 365 A	East Africa	Carlisle Chambers
GEED 365 B	Ecuador	Paul Chamberlain
GEED 365 C	England/Scotland	Kathy Heininge, Abby Rine
GEED 365 D	France to Italy	Nick Willis, Gary Spivey
GEED 365 E	Greece	Tim Tsohantaridis
GEED 365 F	Iceland to Switzerland	Isabelle Corneaux, Clella Jaffe
GEED 365 G	Israel	Paul Anderson
GEED 365 H	Israel/Jordan	Sarita Gallagher, Kathy Weiss
GEED 365 I	New Zealand	Beth LaForce, Viki Defferding
GEED 365 J	Rome to Paris	Steve Grant

YOU CAN BE REGISTERED FOR ONLY ONE TRIP. You can also be wait-listed on an additional trip.

All classes meet at 6:30pm on the day of the week listed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

• WHAT DO I DO AFTER I Register?

1. Obtain a passport AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
2. Submit a medical release form next December
3. Submit a nonrefundable $300 deposit, deposit form, Liability Form, Release of Information Form, and copy of passport by January 18, 2013
4. Attend class sessions for your study course.
5. Make payments by March 1, 2013 and April 1, 2013
6. Pay your account in full by February 15, 2013
7. Maintain your academic, financial, and student life eligibility.
8. Communicate any questions with your faculty leader and/or the Director of Juniors Abroad.
9. Complete an online course evaluation upon your return from the trip.

All forms will be available at juniorsabroad.georgefox.edu

• WHAT WILL MY TOTAL TRAVEL COSTS BE?

Your total travel costs consist of two categories:

1. Charges for lodging, meals, and other trip expenses. This figure may also include some of the airfare for especially expensive destinations. Everyone signing-up for a trip will receive a statement and reminder of these charges included with your spring semester bill. Your $300 deposit is applied toward these charges; **half of the remaining balance is due March 1st and the remainder is due April 1st.** Transportation costs are paid by the University for *eligible* juniors; this transportation subsidy represents **a 40 - 50% DISCOUNT of the actual trip cost**.

Transfer students will be charged an additional charge, dependent on the number of semesters spent at George Fox. Students, staff, alumni and other friends of the University, who are not eligible for the Juniors Abroad transportation supplement, may apply to join a study tour, paying full expenses for the trip. They will be accommodated on a space-available basis.

2. Out-of-pocket expenses which are not included in the trip charges include passport charges, cost of passport photos, cost of birth certificates or other documentation needed for passport applications, health-related expenses such as immunizations, spending money for souvenirs, snacks, postcards, stamps, independent meals, and optional excursions, etc. Your faculty trip leader will give you suggested guidelines at your group meetings during spring semester on the amount of spending money to take along for your particular trip. Typical amounts students take, range from $200 - $600. Where possible, it is usually best to use ATM cards to obtain cash in foreign countries. Check with your individual faculty leaders to see if this is appropriate for your trip.

• HOW DO I GET A PASSPORT?

Passport applications for U.S. citizens are available in online at

http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html.

You must have an official copy of your birth certificate and two official passport photos (photos printed off of your printer will NOT work). Detailed instructions and lists of charges are on the passport application. Please read these instructions carefully. You will need to turn in your applications and show the supporting documentation at one of the official passport offices; **the nearest office to Newberg is the Dundee Post Office in Dundee at 279 SW. 5th Ave (800-275-8777).** Have your photos taken at any place that does passport photos.

Besides photos for your passport, some trips will need VISA's which often require additional passport photos.

Please note that your passport must be good six months after you travel. Also, if you obtained a passport as a child, you will need to get a new passport now that you are an adult.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you are an international student you may also need to obtain visas that US students do not. Please check with your faculty leader or the consulate of the country you will be visiting for more information. **It is essential that you begin this process as soon as possible, since it often takes weeks to obtain visas.** Please see Alex Pla in the ELI Department for further information.

It is imperative that you begin the process of obtaining your passport as soon as possible.

Steps to getting a passport:

1. Obtain an official copy of your birth certificate (your parents or guardians should have this). If not you will need to obtain a copy from the town/city where you were born. This can sometimes be a time-consuming process and should be done as soon as possible.
2. Obtain a passport application online.
3. Obtain at least two **official** passport photos. These can **NOT** be done by you. You may need more depending on your trip.
4. Take money, passport, passport photos and birth certificate to an official passport office. **DO NOT SIGN THE PASSPORT UNTIL YOU ARE AT THE PASSPORT OFFICE.**
5. Some trips will require a visa to enter the country. See your trip leader for further information.

• DOES THE SCHOOL PROVIDE INSURANCE WHILE I AM OVERSEAS?

The University does NOT provide separate major medical coverage for students. Typically, your current insurance, either through the University, or through your parents, will also cover you while you are traveling. You are encouraged to check with your insurance carrier about coverage while you are traveling in a foreign country.

The University does purchase some emergency travel insurance for each student through HTH Worldwide

• HOW DO I USE JUNIORS ABROAD CREDIT IN MY PROGRAM?

All study tours are offered as GED 365 Cross-Cultural Experience courses for 3 semester hours. Students can use the course credits to meet the Global and Cultural Understanding General Education requirement, or upper-division elective credits. If you wish to use the course in lieu of another course, please consult with your academic advisor, the faculty leader and the course's department chair.

Occasionally students wish to register for the course as an **auditor**; this is permitted but please keep in mind that you will not earn college credit for an audited course, and that audited courses are billed as 1.5 hours.

• WHAT HAPPENS IF DEMAND EXCEEDS SPACE IN A TRIP?

The Juniors Abroad program offers a variety of attractive destinations each May, but cannot guarantee a trip to a specific location. In order to keep groups at a manageable size, trips are typically capped at 24 or fewer. If a trip fills, students will be given priority over non-students, and, among students, juniors will be given priority over seniors. If the number of juniors signed up still exceeds space, the Director of Juniors Abroad will work with students on waiting lists to match them up with other trips. **Students who have not made deposits by the January deadline will have their spots offered to students on the waiting list.** Students are encouraged to make a second choice if they are not selected for their first choice.

NOTE: SENIORS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE PUT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WAITLIST

• CAN I STAY AFTER THE GROUP RETURNS HOME?

Maybe. Airline tickets are purchased as a group. Thus it is up to the individual airline if they will allow a

deviation from the group itinerary. Most airlines allow up to 20% of the tickets to deviate. There is typically an additional cost for changing the itinerary from the group itinerary. Again, this is determined by the airline. If you would like to change your itinerary, you need to discuss this with the faculty leader as soon as possible after the start of classes in the spring. The faculty member will then contact the travel agent to determine if your itinerary is possible and what the additional cost will be. You must have all of the information, including the actual dates BEFORE the faculty member can contact the travel agent.

NOTE: Once you leave the group all arrangements are your responsibility.

• WHAT IF I HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS?
For answers to general questions about the Juniors Abroad Program, policies, eligibility and procedures, or if you need to find out the best place to go to get a response to other questions, see:

Paul Chamberlain, Director of Juniors Abroad, ext. 2702, pchamberlain@georgefox.edu, or EHS 310. For answers to specific questions about the activities and requirements of a particular study tour, see the Faculty Leaders for that trip.

This document and all forms will be available at juniorsabroad.georgefox.edu

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
May 2013

TRAVEL DATES: We expect departures from Portland International Airport to be scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, May 6, 7, or 8th, with return approximately 21 days later

Note: You may register for one trip and be on the wait-list for a second trip.

All classes meet at 6:30pm on the day of the week listed.

JUNIORS ABROAD
CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE COURSES

GEED 365A - EAST AFRICA

Faculty: Carlisle Chambers
Meeting Night: Wednesday

This course will focus on the endangered wildlife of East Africa. Students will have opportunities to explore a variety of rich and distinctive ecosystems, such as jungles, tropical rainforests, tea plantations, savannas, and marine habitats. In particular, we will study the efforts to save the elephant from extinction due to poaching. In Uganda we will visit Murchison Falls National Park on the border with the Congo, where we will go on a Chimpanzee trek. In Tanzania we will visit Ngorongoro Crater National Park and Serengeti National Park, undeniably the greatest wildlife habitat in the world. We will also camp at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro and spend a day trekking on the mountain. We will finish our trip with a visit to the ancient and historical spice island of Zanzibar in the Indian Ocean.

To add to the cultural flavor of the course, students will have the opportunity to visit the capitals of Tanzania and Uganda, Dar es Salaam and Kampala, and to interact with the local population in a variety of environments. These will include a visit to African Hearts Orphanage, a Hadzabe tribe, the last true nomads of Africa, Ndere Cultural Center and interaction with our African guides every day.

Important notes:
1. Immunizations will be required
2. A major portion of this trip will be tent camping. This means sleeping in tents on the ground, very primitive toilets (holes in the ground), doing your laundry by hand, and cold showers, if they are available. If you sign up for this trip, please be prepared to rough it!!

GEED 365B – ECUADOR

Faculty: Paul Chamberlain
Meeting Night: Tuesday

This course will explore the natural and cultural diversity of Ecuador. The spectacular biodiversity of Ecuador encompasses the Galapagos Islands, the Amazonian rainforest, and the Andean Peaks. On this trip students will experience each of these. The incredible diversity of cultures, with over a dozen indigenous peoples will also be explored. We will travel from the modern city of Quito to the islands of the Galapagos, the highland villages of the Andes, and the remote settlements of the Amazon.

We will begin our exploration of Ecuador with Quito, the 9000-foot high capital and economic center of Ecuador. Among the sites of Quito, we will explore the World Heritage, historic Old Town with it's picturesque plazas and magnificent churches. We will then take a side trip to the equator and the cultural markets of Otavalo. From Quito we will fly to one of the wonders of the world, the Galapagos Islands, made famous by Charles Darwin. We will spend seven days and nights sailing between the various islands of the Galapagos archipelago. Activities will include up close and personal viewing of a variety of wildlife including the famous giant Galapagos tortoises, blue-footed boobies, albatrosses, marine and land iguanas, and sea lions. We will also view the underwater wildlife while snorkeling. After flying back to Quito we will be transported to the Cotopaxi National Park, where we will begin our three-day mountain biking experience at 15,000ft. We will travel by jeep and bike through the awe inspiring landscape of the Andes, staying overnight at small Andean villages. On our return to Quito we will travel by bus to the town of Lago Agrio and then to Samona Lodge in the Amazon rainforest in the Cuyabeno Wildlife Reserve. From here we will take hikes through the rainforest and canoe on the lakes and rivers of the reserve as we learn about the flora and fauna of the Amazon.

Special Note: This is an adventure Juniors Abroad trip that will include snorkeling in the Galapagos and mountain biking through the Andes. Thus participants must be in reasonable physical condition. Even though the majority of the mountain biking is downhill, it will be at high altitude. To participate in this course students will be required to be cleared for these activities by the George Fox Health and Counseling Center. Immunizations will be required for this trip.

GEED 365C – IRELAND/SCOTLAND

Faculty: Kathy Heininge, Abigal Rine
Meeting Night: Wednesday

The Celtic tradition includes a number of myths, legends, and fairy tales, stories which help us to understand who the Celts are. For this trip, we will be reading some of the legends of Ireland and Scotland, and then follow those myths to their origins. In Ireland, we will go to Dublin, where we will see the Book of Kells at Trinity College, the National Museum where the Bog People are on display, and we will experience some traditional Irish music. We will go to the Midlands, to see the lake where the Children of Lir were turned into swans and to see Tara, the center of Ireland where the kings were crowned and where the Little People live. We will go to Clare, where the Pirate Queen Grace O'Malley had her castle, and we will go to Galway, where the Salmon of Knowledge originated. We will go to Belfast and see the Giant's Causeway that Finn MacCool built so he could fight his counterpart in Scotland. We will see crystal clear lakes and green fields, stone castles and wooly sheep.

In Scotland, we will visit Loch Ness to see if the monster appears, the Hebridean island of Iona where Columcille founded his monastery, to Stirling where William Wallace (Braveheart) defeated the army of the English, to Rosslyn Chapel where The DaVinci Code was filmed, and to Edinburgh where Sir Walter Scott wrote Rob Roy.

For this trip you will need to bring your imagination (so you can find the fairies and the Loch Ness Monster), but more importantly you will need to bring your walking shoes. There will be a considerable amount of walking involved, both in cities (often involving cobblestones) and in the countryside (often involving sheep manure).

All of the texts involved in this class are in the public domain, so you will have free access to them online.

GEED 365D – FRANCE TO ITALY

Faculty: Nick Willis, Gary Spivey
Meeting Night: Tuesday

This trip will highlight the history and development of science in Europe. The trip will start in Paris where we will experience great works of architecture (as well as a possible tour of the Paris sewer system). Historic buildings we will visit include Versilles, Notre Dame, and the Eiffel Tower. The museums we will visit in Paris will include the Musee d'Arts e Metiers and the Louvre. We will then make a quick stop in Geneva to visit CERN. CERN is home to the world's largest particle accelerator and is at the cutting edge of modern physics research. From Geneva we will travel to Munich where we will visit the Deutches Museum of Science, tour a BMW Factory, take a short day trip to tour a castle, and visit the Dachau concentration camp. Next, we will visit Salzburg where students will visit a Fortress and travel to the top of a mountain by cable car. On our way to Venice, we will stop in the small town of Hallstatt, where we will take a tour of a working salt mine and spend time in the amazing countryside of Austria. We will then continue on to Venice where we will learn more about the canals of Venice along with their construction and maintenance. In Venice, we will discuss Galileo and his contributions to Science and Mathematics. We will then travel to Florence to see Michelangelo's David and to see the architecture of the Duomo. Finally, we will end our trip in Rome where we will visit sights including the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Roman Forum, the Vatican Museum, and St. Peter's Cathedral. This trip will require a moderate to high level of walking every day.

GEED 365E - GREECE

Faculty: Tim Tsohantaridis
Meeting Night: Wednesday

The trip to Greece will have three academic interests. Our primary emphasis will be to travel along the footsteps of the Apostle Paul to study the cities of Philippi, Thessaloniki, Berea, Corinth and Athens. We will also, study Hellenization, and its influence on the New Testament as well as the Middle East and Roman Empire. This component will take us to Vergina, Dion, Delphi, Ancient Olympia, Mount Olympos, Epidaurus, and Sounion. Our last academic interest is the study of Christianity of Modern Greece. We will visit monasteries, Greek Churches, and Meteora. Some extra experiences will include a hike on Mount Olympos, swimming in the Aegean Sea, possibly visiting the Island of Aigina, and visiting Professor Tim's home village.

GEED 365 F – ICELAND TO SWITZERLAND

Faculty: Isabelle Corneaux, Clella Jaffe
Meeting Night: Monday

This panoramic European study tour begins in Iceland where we visit an outdoor geothermal spa near **Reykjavik** and take a tour featuring geysers, cascades, volcanoes. Next, we travel to **Amsterdam** in Holland where we visit a windmill, the Anne Frank's House, the Van Gogh Museum, the Rijksmuseum (Rembrandt's art), and an international church. We're there for the Day of Remembrance and for Liberation Day. Then we travel to the most visited country in the world: France! We discover **Dijon**, capital of Burgundy, with its Palace of the Dukes and its Bernardines' Monastery. We also visit l'Hôtel-Dieu, a 15th century hospital for the poor in **Beaune**, wine capital of Burgundy**.** We head south to Provence where we visit **Avignon** and the Popes' Palace. In **Arles** we explore the influence of the Roman Empire. We then enjoy "*la douceur de*

vivre", the good life in Provence through **Aix** farmers' market and Cezanne's studio. The French Alps are next; stops include the picturesque town of **Chamonix** and the summit of **Mont Blanc.** We cross into Switzerland, travel to **Geneva**--the city of Calvin--and visit the Museum of the Reformation, its famous banking district, and its beautiful lake. Our final stay is in the City of Lights, **Paris!** We visit sites such as the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Louvre and the Musée d'Orsay with its collection of Impressionist paintings. There is free time to visit Normandy or Versailles or simply stroll in the most romantic city in the world!

GEED 365G - ISRAEL

Faculty: Paul Anderson
Meeting Night: Tuesday

Israel and Archeology
"I walk today where Jesus walked…," so the familiar hymn goes. This Juniors-Abroad trip is designed to provide exactly that sort of experience for the student, creating first-hand encounters with the land in and about which the Bible was written. From Megiddo to Jerusalem, from the Dead Sea to the Sea of Galilee, this trip will cover the history of Israel and Christian origins, surveying the holy sites of Judaism and Christianity in biblical perspective. In addition to visiting historic sites, however, this tour will also help the student get a feel for recent archaeological discoveries with the possibility of doing a bit of first-hand archaeological work—perhaps even including some digging or spade work—as sites allow. Primary areas of focus will include Galilee—the region in which Jesus conducted most of his ministry, Jezreel and the Dead Sea—sites of historic importance to Judaism and Christianity, and Jerusalem—the site of Israel's temple and the last days of Jesus' ministry. Another possibility may include retracing the footsteps of Jesus on a four-day back-pack, but one thing is certain: for those who embark upon this visit to the Holy Land, Bible places and themes will lucidly come alive. Most importantly, the lives of those who experience Israel from the perspective of biblical archaeology will never be the same!

Be aware that we are looking at the possibility of hiking the four-day "Jesus Trail". This is a backpacking trip of around 10 miles per day. Students should be prepared to cover rough terrain with light packs. (Your larger luggage will be stored at the site in Galilee). Thus you will need to be in reasonable physical condition if you sign up for this trip.

GEED 365H – ISRAEL/JORDAN

Faculty: Sarita Gallager, Kathy Weiss
Meeting Night: Wednesday

On this trip we are going to be exploring the ancient lands of Israel and Jordan. The birthplace of three major religions – Judaism, Christianity and Islam – the Middle East offers a unique blend of multicultural, political, and religious communities. Time will be spent prior to traveling studying the religious ideas, political etiologies, and social customs of this region. Then during our trip we will meet people from all walks of life to learn in a personal way what it's like to live in their world. We will travel as Christian pilgrims reflecting on the teachings of Jesus as we visit the historic sites where the biblical events occurred. The class will also highlight the distinctive historic events and geography of the region. We will visit ruined Roman cities, Crusader castles, and desert citadels as well as the biblical sites that are around every corner: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the brook where Jesus was baptized, the fortress where Herod beheaded John the Baptist, and the mountain top where Moses cast eyes on the Promised Land.

GEED 365I – NEW ZEALAND

Faculty: Beth LaForce, Viki Defferding
Meeting Night: Monday

The Juniors Abroad trip to New Zealand in May 2013 will allow us to learn about this unique land with diverse geography and peoples. We will study the history of the two major cultural groups of New Zealand- the Pakeha (European-mostly from England) and the Maori (a Polynesian culture group with a history and language that is key to understanding New Zealand). To appreciate New Zealand it is also important to understand and experience the diverse geography.

We will be traveling throughout portions of both the North and South Islands of New Zealand. On the South Island, it is important to explore the beauty of New Zealand by visiting Queenstown, Milford Sound and by climbing the Franz Josef glacier. This is "Lord of the Rings" country. We will have many opportunities to be outdoors to enjoy hiking, climbing, and many water activities. We will also explore unique sites like a penguin conservatory, and the Antarctica Museum.
Finally, on the North Island, we will visit a Maori village and explore Maori culture, the Agrodome where you will get to experience New Zealand sheep up close and personal, the National Museum, and a New Zealand school.
If the weather is fine, you may even get to see "Mount Doom" as we travel up the Desert Road.

GEED 365J – ROME TO PARIS

Faculty: Steve Grant
Meeting Night: Tuesday

This European Study Tour will begin in Rome and will focus on the art, the history and the architecture of ancient and current Rome to set the stage for the trip's major focus, which will be the influence of early Church and Renaissance history and its effect on our culture today. From Rome, we will travel south to Pompeii and experience not only a tragic day in the life of an Italian city, but glimpse a stoppage of time preserved for the ages. We then will travel north to Assisi and see the Basilica of St. Francis, and then travel on to Florence and experience more of the great Renaissance movement as we view many of Michelangelo's works including "The David" and view the works of some of Michelangelo's contemporaries.

From Florence, we will travel to the beautiful northwestern coastline of Italy and stay in Monterosso where we'll enjoy several gorgeous hikes between the villages there followed by relaxing on the Mediterranean beaches. Following Cinque Terre, we travel north and west from Italy to the French city of Nice which will be our hub as we travel to visit a variety of Roman ruins and ancient architecture in the cities of Aix-en-Provence, Nimes, Arles, and Avignon. The final two-part leg of our journey will be to Paris, about which little needs to be said, and then on to the Beaches of Normandy and the American Cemetery before heading back to Paris for our final night.