STUDYING ABROAD IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Health professionals work with various cultures and language backgrounds

- Example: *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* by Anne Fadiman
WHAT CAN YOU DO TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE?

Engage with the culture in an ACTIVE and REFLECTIVE way

- **Active**: beyond observation, interact with people, work to understand the nuances
- **Reflective**: HOW it’s different and WHY
TIMELINE

Semester
- Attend Get Started Session (schedule on website: goabroad.lafayette.edu, Planning, Get Started)
- Complete applications (2)
- Lafayette deadline: 3rd Friday of semester before you want to go (i.e. Feb 10, 2017, for Fall 2017 study abroad)
  - Program deadlines may vary

Interim
- New programs will appear in June/July (interim.lafayette.edu)
- Registration: mid-September (exact date will be on website)
- Instructions on website
HEALTH PROFESSIONS OPTIONS

SIT: Global Health

- Multiple location options and terms
  - Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Multi-Country, India, Jordan, South Africa, Switzerland

- Curriculum
  - 3-4 set courses (all courses on Global Health theme)
  - 4th or 5th course: Independent study project
    - Examples: challenges of diseases (TB, AIDS, etc.), health education, health financing, health care access
HEALTH PROFESSIONS OPTIONS

Boston University – Geneva Internship

- Public health track
- Required: Principles of International Health course, internship
  - Internship examples: International AIDS Society, NGO Forum for Health, International Union Against Cancer
- Electives: history, French
- First 6 weeks = 2 classes, last 8 weeks = 4-day/wk internship & 1 class
HEALTH PROFESSIONS OPTIONS

IFSA-Butler: King’s College Health & Society Program

- Required: Health & Society course (combo of coursework and clinical observation)
  - Primary care, sexual health centre, osteopathic centre

- Electives: pick 3 other courses available for study abroad students at King’s
HEALTH PROFESSIONS OPTIONS

DIS (Denmark)

- Tracks: medical practice & policy, biomedicine, neuroscience, public health
- Required: one core class in track, most students will also take Danish language & culture class
- Electives: related to track or unrelated
  - Unrelated: humanities, economics, human rights, architecture, etc.
- Highlights: hands-on fieldwork, study tours
"The experiences I had here in Copenhagen and the rest of Europe this semester have been valuable and life-altering. I got to learn about medicine from brilliant Danish doctors every day. When they weren’t teaching us about how to diagnose and treat disease, they were acting as role models, and giving us insight on what it is really like to work in medicine. On study tours, I talked to a patient with an artificial external heart in Germany, and observed in vitro fertilization procedures in Western Denmark.” – Jon Hanson, University of Minnesota
HEALTH PROFESSIONS OPTIONS

Lafayette: Healthcare in London (summer)

- Runs every other summer (2017, 2019, etc.)
  - Register NOW for Summer 2017

- 8 weeks, 2 credits

- 3 weeks of classes, 4 weeks of interning, 1 week of classes
  - Internship area examples: brain/cognitive development, dentistry, mental health, health education, maternal health
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- DIS Copenhagen (semester)
- Healthcare in London (summer)
Questions?