



Concordia Volunteer
Abroad Program

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ORAL HISTORY OPPORTUNITY IN UGANDA

Information session:

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Take your learning out of the classroom

In the summer of 2011, the Concordia Volunteer Abroad Program will be launching an initial partnership with Gulu University's Institute of Peace and Strategic Studies and Concordia's Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling. This partnership will aim to expand CVAP's community outreach into the field of research, and to consolidate a relationship between Gulu University and Concordia University. We need your help to make this project happen!

The Concordia Volunteer Abroad Program is a non-profit organization based at Concordia University. We are funded by the undergraduate student body through a fee-levy. Each summer 40 Concordia students have the opportunity to travel to Gulu, Uganda for a period of two months (either May-June or July-August) to gain first hand experience in community lead development, cross cultural understanding, and international relations. Participants volunteer 40 hours per week with their assigned community partner.

The Oral History Project:

This is a pilot project to assess the possibilities for research and joint work. Volunteer participants' work will be lead by staff and researchers at the Peace and Strategic Studies Institute Oral History. The Peace and Strategic Studies Institute is a department of Gulu University. The department was established to address the issues faced by post-conflict societies and to research and implement peace processes in the wake of the civil war in Northern Uganda. The Oral History project is a joint research project and an attempt to solidify peace by promoting open dialogue and providing a space for marginalized communities (women for example) in the peace process.

Areas of Interest for this partnership:

- Media
- Archives
- Assessing potential areas for joint work and partnership

This is an exciting opportunity for Oral History students to share their knowledge, gain experience, and learn!

Costs:

- Living expenses (food, transport within Uganda, and lodgings) are provided by CVAP.
- Participants are responsible for:
 - Flight: \$1700.00
 - Vaccinations: \$200.00
 - Insurance: \$100.00
 - T-shirt and Manual: \$40.00
- Participants are asked to fundraise \$500.00 towards our community outreach projects prior to departure.
- Support is provided for participant fundraising; with a little effort it is possible to fundraise the cost of your trip, you can do it!
- Financial support is available to students participating in the program as an aspect of their academic work.
- The Canada Research Chair in Public History expects to provide modest financial support to participating students already affiliated with the Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling.

How to Apply:

- For more information regarding the program, please contact admin@concordiavolunteers.org