

**Critically Examining Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) of The Anglophone Caribbean**

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*(This syllabus is subject to change)*

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**Course Description**

This 1-credit course is designed to largely focus on the management of international nonprofit organizations in the developing world, with a primary focus on the island of Saint Lucia. The primary goal of this program is to prepare students who are interested in working across borders to appreciate and confront the challenges of implementing complex public service policies and programs in different international contexts.

An additional goal is to give students the opportunity to travel abroad and gain an international public administration perspective and to experience a different cultural environment. This course consists of one class meeting online prior to traveling abroad and field/classroom work while on the island of Saint Lucia.

The specific objectives of the course are:

- To provide a broad understanding of international nonprofits and social change abroad,

- To recognize different issues facing international nonprofits, such as lack of funding, managing cash flow, lack of financial capacity and other resources,
- To identify possible policy solutions for problems facing nonprofits in the developing world,
- To understand how nonprofits on the island of Saint Lucia have been able to respond to global, national, and local issues facing the sector.

## **Course Requirements**

- **Attendance and Participation:** This course will meet via zoom for one session prior to departure (date and time TBD). In addition, students are required to travel to Saint Lucia (March 9 – March 16, 2024) with the group and attend all meetings and field trips while in Saint Lucia.
- This course is divided between classroom instruction (approx. 1/3) and excursions or experiential learning (2/3). During class, regular lectures will be supplemented with small group discussion, videos, and guest speakers. Excursions (e.g., museums, NGOs) will provide an opportunity for students to begin understanding the practical application of theoretical and philosophical. Excursions will also provide students an opportunity to engage directly with local perspectives on the topics studied in class.

## **Method of Evaluation (Grading)**

Grades for the course will be comprised of the following elements:

1. Social Media Engagement.....20%
2. Site Participation .....30%
3. Group Conversations.....30%
4. Final Journal.....20%

## **Academic Honesty**

All academic work must meet the standards contained in “Academic Integrity at Rutgers.” Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work. The link to more detailed information about academic honesty can be found at:

<http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/>

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## Tentative Itinerary

### **Length of Stay:**

- Saturday, March 9, 2024 (student check-in day)
- Saturday, March 16, 2024 (student check-out day)

### **Saturday, March 9: Student Arrival Day**

- Students arrive from U.S.
- Pre-arranged transportation for students from Hewanorra International Airport to hotel.
- Students can exchange currency at the airport bank, if necessary. However, American dollars are accepted throughout St. Lucia.
- Students check into their assigned hotel rooms.

- The Community Resource Assistant (CRA, like an RA) will provide students with room assignments, keys, a tour of the residence, and orientation packets.
- A phone vendor who sells SIM cards may come at 5:30 pm, if interested (not included in activity fee).
- Students may order snacks and beverages throughout the afternoon (included in student activity fee).
- 7:00 pm: Group Dinner at Hotel Restaurant (included in student activity fee).

## **Sunday, March 10**

- 7:00 – 9:00 am: Breakfast buffet at hotel (included in student activity fee)
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Orientation Session (in hotel conference room).
  - Topics discussed: Overview of Saint Lucia; health and safety risks abroad; hotel policies; living in Saint Lucia; transportation; cultural expectations; review of program itinerary and related logistics.
- 12:00 – 2:00 pm: Group Lunch (at hotel, included in student activity fee).
- 2:00 – 7:00 pm: Free Time (options include going to beach, swimming pool, shopping, etc.).
- 7:00 pm: Group Dinner at Hotel Restaurant (included in student activity fee).
- Evening Group outing at Rodney Bay Marina (**not** included in student activity fee).
  - Sightseeing activity

## **Monday, March 11: Guest Lectures**

- 7:00 – 9:00 am: Breakfast buffet provided at hotel (included in student activity fee).
- 9:00 – 10:30 am: The History of Social Change in Saint Lucia and the Development of the Nonprofit Sector.
- 10:30 – 10:45 am: Light refreshments (drinks and snacks, included in student activity fee).
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm: Guest Lecturer: (Saint Lucian Scholar of African Diaspora Archaeology).
  - Topic: Monuments and Memorials of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and its Legacies across the Eastern Caribbean.
- 12:30 – 2:00 pm: Lunch at hotel with Guest Lecturer (included in student activity fee).
- 2:30 – 4:00 pm: Students work on their journal and other assignments.
- 4:00 – 5:30 pm: Overview and Q&A for students with professors.
- 7:00 pm: Group Dinner at Hotel Restaurant (included in student activity fee).

## **Tuesday, March 12: Sailing Day Tour**

- 7:00 – 8:15 am: Breakfast buffet provided at hotel (included in student activity fee).
- 8:30 am: Leave for Rodney Bay Marina (included in student activity fee).
- 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Experience Tout Bagay in St. Lucia (included in student activity fee).
  - “Tout Bagay” in Creole means: “A little bit of everything,” which is exactly what this tour is all about! Sail down the west coast of the island and capture on film the famous Pitons as they rise majestically out of the sea and visit the bubbling drive-in volcano as students learn how our island was formed. In Soufriere, students will visit the refreshing Toraille Waterfall, followed by the Sulphur Springs where they can choose either a guided tour through the Volcano or take a dip in the mud bath.

- Relive the tradition and culture at the Morne Coubaril Estate, an original 18th-century working plantation. See how cocoa and coffee are made and enjoy the delicious buffet lunch. Top it all off with a swim or relax in the sun at one of St. Lucia's protected bays.
- Keep cameras handy for perfect photo opportunities as you sail through picturesque Marigot Bay. Then brush up on your dance steps with our guides and crew as they teach you the latest island steps.
- 8:00 p.m.: Group dinner at hotel (included in student activity fee).

### **Wednesday, March 13**

- 7:00 – 9:00 am: Breakfast buffet provided at hotel (included in student activity fee).
- 9:00 am: Depart hotel by coach headed to Saint Lucia National Trust (included in student activity fee).
- 9:30 am – 2:00 pm: Guided tour of Pigeon Island National Landmark.

- Food and beverages available for purchase at site.
- The 44-acre landmark encapsulates Saint Lucia's rich heritage. Originally inhabited by Amerindians, the island later became occupied by, as early as the mid-sixteenth century, French Pirates led by Francois Leclerc, better known as "Jambe de Bois," for his wooden leg.

Pigeon Island provided Leclerc with a secure base in a strategic location, allowing him to ambush passing ships. The French and British military also valued this strategic location, who at alternating periods from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, utilized Pigeon Island as a naval base.

Eighteenth century military ruins now dominate the Island's landscape. Because of its historical value, the Government of St. Lucia declared Pigeon Island a National Landmark in 1979 and is currently managed by the Saint Lucia National Trust.

Visitors, both local and foreign, are invited to tour the Landmark, which in addition to the military ruins contains:

- Two private sandy beaches ideal for swimming, snorkeling, and lounging.
- Expansive lawns, interspersed with coconut and almond trees, flowering plants, calabash trees – Saint Lucia's national tree, flamboyant, and other woody trees.
- A full-service restaurant, named for "Jambe de Bois," located on the water's edge; and a smaller pub located in the cellar of the Officers' Mess.
- Panoramic views from Fort Rodney and Signal Peak off Saint Lucia's northern coastline, with views of neighboring Martinique on clear days; and Amerindian caves.
- 4:00 pm: Return to hotel by coach (included in student activity fee).
- 4:30 – 5:30 pm: Debriefing of the day's activities and tours with professors.
- 7:00 pm: Group Dinner at hotel (included in student activity fee).

### **Thursday, March 14**

- 7:00 – 9:00 am: Breakfast buffet provided at hotel (included in student activity fee).

- 9:00 am: Leave via coach for The Holy Family Children's Home (included in student activity fee).
- 1:00 pm: Return to hotel via coach (included in student activity fee).
- 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Lunch at hotel (included in student activity fee) and debriefing with professors about the day's trip.
- 4:00 – 6:00 pm - Guest Lecturer: International Perspectives on Gender and Education.
- 7:00 p.m.: Group dinner at hotel with Guest Lecturer (included in student activity fee).

### **Friday, March 15: Final Day in Saint Lucia and Farewell Dinner**

- 7:00 – 9:00 am: Breakfast buffet provided at hotel (included in student activity fee).
- 9:00 am: Hotel pick-up by coach and drive to local NGO which focuses on nurturing and guiding young females facing challenges in various aspects of their lives.
- Visit the Castries Market for souvenirs and other locally made items
  - Also, can tour Minor Basilica and Derek Walcott Square (included in student activity fee).
- 4:00 pm: Return to hotel via coach (included in student activity fee).
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm: Snacks and drinks at hotel (included in student activity fee).
- 6:00 pm: Reflections and closing discussions.
- 7:00 pm: Farewell Dinner at hotel (included in student activity fee).
- 9:00 pm: Optional Excursion – Gros Islet Friday Night Street Party (**not** included in student activity fee).

### **Saturday, March 16: Departure Day**

- 7:00 – 9:00 am: Breakfast buffet provided at hotel (included in student activity).
- 10:00 am: Hotel check-out and departure for Hewanorra International Airport by coach (included in student activity fee).