

GUATEMALA

EXPLORING LIBERATION THEOLOGY

May 12-18, 2013

About the Seminar

Brite Divinity School, in partnership with the Center for Global Education, invites you to visit the people and land of Guatemala. Learn first-hand about social justice, liberation theology, and servant leadership. Participants will be able to see Guatemala's diverse cultures, its historic, socio-political, economic, and environmental challenges, and its church communities – who, with creativity and courage, continue to promote human dignity and well-being.

Guatemalans have distinctive experiences of civil war, globalization, and human migration. In response to these and other events, they have developed strategies for survival and flourishing that emphasize local solutions while simultaneously reaching out to the world. In this seminar, we will see and hear first-hand about several efforts of Guatemalan communities to transform their education, health care, human rights, and agriculture. By sharing their respective stories, Guatemalans and seminar participants will be able to compare and contrast their experiences, discuss their hopes, and think theologically about social goals and actions.

This travel seminar is open to any Brite Divinity student and any adult 18 years or older who wishes to cultivate genuine and sustainable relationships

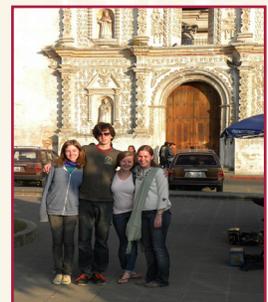
with diverse people, both at home and abroad. It offers an intensive immersion experience and a framework for individual and group reflection about the risks, promises, and rewards of contemporary commitments to justice.

Itinerary and Overview

Possible program content includes:

- Visit with Indigenous communities and development projects
- Visit at the Archdiocese Human Rights Office to learn about the Historical Recovery of Memory
- Visit various churches and hear about the role of Liberation Theology during the Civil War
- See strategies Indigenous communities employ to resist globalization and encroachment of traditional culture
- Talk with communities about the economic challenges that force many to migrate for work
- Visit an Indigenous school to learn about efforts to preserve language and culture and decolonize the minds of young people
- Participate in a Mayan Traditional Ceremony and discuss the role of spirituality in daily life

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Accommodations

We utilize modest local hotels for lodging. You can generally expect to be housed two or more to a room with shared bathrooms. Occasionally the hotel rooms will have private bathrooms, and will be shared by only two people.

Cost

The cost of this seminar is \$1,295. This includes pre- and post-trip resource materials, in-country programming, language interpretation, honoraria for local resource people, all meals and lodging, ground transportation, and fees for activities included in the program. This price does not include airfare to/from Guatemala. The program price does not include passport and visa application fees or entry and exit taxes. Your entry and exit taxes may be included in the cost of airfare.

Application and Payment

For Brite Divinity Students: please contact Dr. Francisco Lozada at f.lozada@tcu.edu on campus before registering. You will be required to register with TCU and pay a \$500 deposit to TCU by March 15. Final payment is due to TCU by April 5 or as billed. You will also need to register with CGE online by March 25. Just click on the link from CGE's website and make sure you choose the no-fee Brite Divinity link at: <http://www.augsburg.edu/global/register-now/>

If you do not have a passport, you will still be able to sign up for the travel seminar. Information will be provided on how to apply for a passport. If you do not have online access, please contact us to get a hardcopy application (via mail or fax).

For non-Brite Divinity participants: please contact David Hamilton at hamiltod@augsb.org or (612) 330-1385 before registering. Please apply online. Just click on the link from our website and make sure you choose the \$250 fee Brite Divinity link at: <http://www.augsburg.edu/global/register-now/>

The \$250 deposit for non-Brite Divinity participants payable to CGE is required with your application. This deposit will be refunded only if the Center cancels the seminar. This deposit can be made by credit card or check, via either the online or hardcopy application forms.

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Mission

The Center for Global Education at Augsburg College provides cross-cultural educational opportunities in order to foster critical analysis of local and global conditions so that personal and systemic change takes place leading to a more just and sustainable world.

Background

Founded in 1982, the Center is nationally recognized for its work in experiential, intercultural, and educational travel opportunities. More than 10,000 people have participated in our seminars, which are well-known and respected for exposing travelers to a variety of points of view, especially the perspectives of those working for justice and human dignity. The Center also has also served over 2,000 students from more than 300 colleges and universities through our undergraduate summer, semester, and internship programs in Mexico, Central America and Southern Africa.

Excellence

The Center was the 2003 recipient of the National Society for Experiential Education Program of the Year Award. CGE was recognized in 2011 as a finalist in GoAbroad's Innovation Awards in two categories: technology and sustainability. In 2012, CGE was the winner of GoAbroad's Innovation in Access/Equity. CGE was also selected as a runner-up for the Diversity Network Innovation Award from Diversity Abroad in 2012.

Affiliation

Augsburg College, founded in 1869, is a private liberal arts and sciences college in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Princeton Review featured Augsburg in its 2005 book, "College with a Conscience: 81 Great Schools with Outstanding Community Involvement."

For more information

Contact the Center for Global Education at globaled@augsb.org or 612-330-1159.