

Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad: “Nepal in the Contemporary World”

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Lead Instructor: Murari Suvedi

Mission

The MSU Asian Studies Center seeks fifteen teachers from elementary and secondary schools across Michigan's diverse school districts for a study abroad experience in Nepal in June and July, 2009. This four-week study abroad experience for Michigan school teachers will offer enrichment in the areas of world history, world geography, citizenship and democracy, social studies, and humanities.



Eligibility

- Michigan elementary or secondary school teachers of world history, world geography, social studies, humanities and other social studies programs
- Administrators at state departments of education, higher education institutions or school districts who are responsible for planning, conducting, or supervising programs at school systems at all levels
- Faculty members at higher education institutions engaged in curriculum for international education

Summer 2009 Program

Michigan State University's Asian Studies Center will offer this program in Nepal. A group of 17 Michigan educators to be selected by competitive application process will participate in this study program. It will run from June 12 to July 13, 2009 and include a homestay experience, visits to schools, and trips to important historical, cultural, and religious sites.

The costs to participants include:

- Attendance at a pre-departure session to be held at a central location in May and a post-program meeting in August.
- Visa fee (\$40 for 1 month stay in Nepal)
- Modest gifts for host families and partner school teachers

Instructors

The seminar modules included summer 2009 program will be taught by host country scholars. **Murari Suvedi**, Asian Studies Center core faculty member and professor in the Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation, and Resource Studies will oversee the program. A native of Nepal, Dr. Suvedi taught courses in agriculture extension and rural development at the Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science in Nepal for eleven years. He also taught courses in Nepal as a Fulbright Senior Scholar.

Lynne Mark will serve as the bilingual curriculum specialist. Mr. Mark was a Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal from 1973 to 1976, and served as a liaison in Nepal for a former MSU program in the late 1970's. He is conversational in Nepali and will help to bridge both the language and cultural gaps between the group project abroad educators and their Nepalese counterparts.



Participant Responsibilities

- Prior to departure participants will be required to read lesson materials for the in-country seminars as well as memorize phrases from Nepali language materials
- Participants will participate in a series of special seminars and site visits, live with a host family in Pokhara and team-teach with a fellow Nepalese educator in a local school
- Participants will develop 2 lesson plans to be included in a comprehensive study guide on Nepal and acquire educational materials to integrate international and cross-cultural studies into curricula in Michigan.

For further information and application materials for this program, visit:

<http://asianstudies.msu.edu/outreach/2009Nepalga>

You may also contact

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