Sponsored Research Opportunities
Fall 2018

Arusha, Tanzania
Global Health & Human Rights
In the COSA and IDS Graduate Programs, you will engage in Sponsored Advocacy Research project in your first semester abroad as a required component of the program. Continuing your research, you will either do primary or secondary research (or both) in support of your Culminating Project or Thesis work in your 2nd and 3rd terms. If you choose to engage in primary research, your Academic Advisor (as well as faculty and other staff) and the structure of the IPSL Advocacy Research Program will support you in this process.

Your research will be officially reviewed by the IPSL International Institutional Review Board (IRB) and that makes it eligible for publishing and presentation at professional conferences. During the Pre-Departure Residency in Portland, there will be an Advocacy Research Orientation and the IPSL research support person will assist you throughout the program.

Program Director & LARL* (Local Advocacy Research Liaison)
Mr. Evans Temi M.A., M.S

Mr. Temi has extensive experience working with U.S. and international students. He has two Master’s degrees – one in International Studies, and the other in Conflict Resolution from the University of Oregon. Evans is a native of Arusha and he and his family have extensive connections (universities, local government, service organizations, etc.) in Arusha and throughout Tanzania.

*LARLs, usually the on-site program director and a native of the country, provide in-country logistical support to research students including critical access to local populations and organizations, interpreting and translation services and ethical, cultural, legal, and policy information. They actively guide students to help shape a research project in a way that is ethical and feasible given the time frame and the resources available.
Sponsored Research Projects

The research projects in Arusha are sponsored by IPSL’s partner, St Elizabeth Hospital. This is a multi-faceted public healthcare facility that serves a broad community in an urban neighborhood. It is the second largest hospital in the region and acts as a referral hospital to other health facilities. The hospital has just over one hundred beds and provides in and out patient care. Specialized clinics include: HIV/AIDS; Maternal health, labor and delivery and Diabetes.
Projects
Choose from the following for your first semester project

Protocol #1: Health Awareness Study
Research Title: St. Elizabeth Hospital Preventative Health Awareness Assessment - Tools for Developing Effective Community Health Education Programs

Research Question:
What is the level of understanding in the St. Elizabeth Hospital community regarding personal preventative health maintenance practices?

Objective:
To collect information regarding the respondents level of preventative healthcare knowledge in order to design and deliver pertinent health education programs

Instruments:
Anonymized surveys of patients upon clinic intake

Protocol #2: Healthcare Delivery Study
Research Title: St. Elizabeth Hospital Quality Improvement Study for Healthcare Delivery Practices

Research Question:
What are the current healthcare delivery practices at St. Elizabeth Hospital and what tools can be developed for improvement?

Objective:
To collect information regarding current safe, sanitary and caring practices and areas where the hospital can build capacity. Students can identify areas for improvement and recommend staff training modules and systems of review and inspection.

Instruments:
Anonymized surveys and observation