Summer Field School in Applied Urban Ethnographic and Community Health Sciences

COURSE NUMBERS: ANTH 498D (Undergraduate) and 698D (Graduate)

INSTRUCTORS: CuSAG Staff, Dr. Tony Whitehead, Mr. Kyle Olin, and Ms. Casey Hall

TERM: First Summer Session, 2010, June 1 – July 9       COURSE CREDITS: 3 or 6" (see note below)

TIME: This course will first meet for 6 hours on June 1, and for 3 hours each Friday thereafter (last class on July 9 with oral presentations). In addition, students are to put in 20 hours per week of fieldwork, both in ethnographic tours of the communities being studied, and in volunteer service to select organizations in these communities.

DESCRIPTION: This 6 week, 6 credit course has both classroom and fieldwork components. There will be classroom instruction, online instruction, ethnographic fieldwork, and a service component. Students will be introduced to a number of methods included in CuSAG’s Ethnographic Toolkit, which will be applied by students conducting fieldwork in economically distressed urban neighborhoods relatively close to the UMCP campus, focusing on quality of life, health, and social justice issues. Students also will be provided with data and background information on communities that CuSAG already has been working with for some time in these same areas. Moreover, the data that they collect during the course will be added to the running databases that CuSAG is developing and which is made available to organizations in these communities that are attempting to address the range of health and social problems that are being experienced by the residents in these communities. These databases, and the methods used to collect the data can be seen at http://www.cusag.umd.edu/programs/cehc/EICCARS/DataProfiles.html.

COURSE PREREQUISITES AND WHO MAY TAKE THIS COURSE: This course is open to graduate and undergraduate students, and interested parties not enrolled in degree programs (e.g., professionals, and public agency and organization personnel who are working in our targeted communities or would simply like to add the course’s content to their own professional skill sets). This course may be ideal for students who plan to work in the local urban area, and would like to use the course either for internship credits, or as an opportunity to do preliminary research for future thesis or dissertation research.

REGISTRATION: Register online at http://summer.umd.edu (non-University of Maryland students will need to apply for summer admission)

For additional information, contact Kyle Olin at kolin@umd.edu or (301)405-5462.

* While this course is designed for 6 credits and is recommended that students register for the full credits to get the most out of the experience, there is an option to register for 3 credits if a student's circumstances prevent them from being able to register for the full 6. Three-credit students would be responsible for a 10-hour-per-week internship rather than 20, and would not do community assessment research. The classroom requirements would remain the same.