

# Haiti Mosaic

## January-Spring 2019



As part of a two-course *Mosaic offering*, students will travel to Haiti in January 2019 to gain a deeper understanding of the socio-economic and environmental factors affecting Haiti today. Students will have the opportunity to work with the Grand-Bois health clinic, and visit villages, families, and schools with community health care workers and water technicians.

### **Community Health in Comparative Perspective: The Role of Community Health Centers in the United States and Haiti INBM 300/HEST Prof. Sarcone**

A critical resource required to maintain and ideally improve community health is the community health center. Community health centers are the primary source of care for underserved populations with the greatest health needs. They provide culturally and linguistically competent services for diverse patient populations thus contributing to overall community health through their commitment to health equity. This course broadly explores community health concepts with a focus on the community health center's contribution to community health in two countries: The United States and Haiti. Located in Carlisle, the Sadler Health Center will serve as our primary community partner in the United States. Serve HAITI community health center in Grand-Bois Haiti is our Haitian partner.

### **SOCI 230 Sustainability: Social Justice and Human Rights Prof. Bylander**

This environmental sociology course will focus attention on the ways that human beings have interacted with and upon the environment, sometimes with devastating consequences. It will also acknowledge the “awakenings” of human beings to the realization that we are all a part of one system, inextricably linked. The planet's survival is also our survival. We will focus our attention on the disproportionate burden that some bear, with specific attention to Haiti, a small island nation impacted by hurricanes, droughts, floods, landslides and earthquakes. “Haiti's vulnerability to climate change is in large part defined by socioeconomic factors that interact with, and exacerbate, the physical impacts of climate change.” We will explore the ways in which weak institutional capacity and financial constraints threaten Haitian peoples' basic human needs for clean water, food and an environmentally stable and healthy environment, and the role politics and policy play.

Sustainability, Div II Majors likely to be interested: International Studies, INBM, LALC, Health Studies, Sociology, Environmental Studies, Policy Studies, Anthropology, American Studies