



Deconstructing Culture: Exploring Religion, Memory, and Justice Oxford, England: July 4 – August 7, 2016

Dr. Lauren Lemley, Assistant Professor of Communication and director of communication graduate studies, has been recognized for her outstanding work mentoring student researchers in the humanities and writes and publishes about public memory, specifically analyzing how we rhetorically craft messages about the Salem witch trials.

Dr. Suzie Macaluso, Assistant Professor of Sociology, graduated from Cascade College and earned her PhD in Sociology from Purdue University. Dr. Macaluso grew up in Northern California and has been at ACU for 4 years. Dr. Macaluso has been recognized as an outstanding undergraduate mentor. She specializes in the Sociology of Religion with particular emphasis on women in religion.

The Courses

Students are required to enroll in two of the following courses:

- **SOCI 222/COMM 240 Social Problems** – This course will introduce you to the study of sociology with a special emphasis on contemporary social issues. We will explore social problems through the use of sociological theory, including the structural functionalist, conflict, and symbolic interactionist perspectives. Throughout this course you will be challenged to think critically about what social problems are and how we construct the public narrative around those problems.
- **SOCI 440/540 Sociology of Religion and Secularization**
In this course we will explore the sociological phenomena of secularization by looking at the social origins and influences of religion. We will investigate the social forces at the heart of the secularization of Western Europe and the social factors that have led to changes in individual religiosity in the region. We will also explore what implications this has on America's religious landscape.
- **COMM 440/640: Rhetoric of Public Memory: Communicating the Past to the Present** – Centers around understanding and examining the rhetorical strategies used to communicate past events to contemporary audiences through a variety of texts, from monuments and memorials, to films, museums, archives, and historical sites across the U.K.

Note: Seminars during the spring semester, pre-reading, and post-trip research are required for full credit.

All courses are subject to change.

The Cost

Tuition and fees are the same in Oxford as they are in Abilene (can be included in 2015-2016 block). The additional program fee of \$5,000 includes:

- Transportation between Dallas (DFW) and Oxford.
- Accommodation in classic North Oxford.
- Program-related excursions and enrichment activities such as trips to Bath, London, and Blenheim Palace.
- Basic medical and travelers' insurance.

Just as on the Abilene campus, financial aid may be available. Talk to your financial aid advisor as soon as possible. Call 325-674-2300.

Application

Acceptance to the ACU in Oxford program is based on a variety of factors including:

- Completed application packet with satisfactory reference forms.
- Availability of space.
- \$250 non-refundable application fee.
- Completion of at least two semesters on campus.
- Academic record and interests, a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 as of date of application and up to date of departure.
- Students must be in good standing with ACU (no probation of any kind) as of date of application and up to date of departure.

Note: Priority will be given to upper-level students. Consideration also will be given to a student's suitability for participation in a study abroad program.

Further Information

All information on this flyer is subject to change. Please contact ACU Study Abroad for the most up-to-date information.

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