Fellowship to Enhance Global Understanding:

Botswana

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Development of the Whole Child
In Cultural Context

- Physical and psychological child development
- The contexts in which children develop and learn, especially the educational and community settings and practices
Trip Goals

- To develop an understanding of the history, culture, and people of Botswana and their role in child development, education, and well being.
- To promote an understanding of how culture plays a role in child development and education.
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✧ To learn about the contexts of development in Botswana including schools, orphanages, communities, and families

✧ To learn about the risks and protective factors to whole child development

✧ To increase self-awareness of one’s world view and assumptions
Expected Benefits

✧ Learn how Botswana views and promotes education, physical activity, and psychological well-being

✧ Learn how the Botswana government facilitates the development of the whole child given their country’s challenges

✧ Develop an awareness of oneself as a cultural being and how culture influences one’s development and learning
Trip Structure

- Guided cultural immersion experience
- Combination of academic, social (interpersonal), and cultural activities
- Presentations by University of Botswana faculty, policy leaders, and agencies
- Intensive participation in the host cultural setting with time for individual and group reflection, processing, and debriefing
Global Fellowship Activities

- **Pre-trip Activities January-May**
  - Background readings
  - Orientation Meetings
  - Pre-trip World View Paper
  - Prepare research presentation

- **Trip: May 31-June 16, 2013**
  - UB-MSU Symposium: Research Presentation
  - Service Activities

- **Post-trip activities: July-September**
  - Reflection Paper
  - College Presentation
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- Faculty presentations
- UB-MSU Joint Symposium
- Interaction with UB students
Contexts of Whole Child Development in Botswana

- **Historical**: Three Chiefs Monument, National Museum, Lecture on tribal history, family structures
- **Socio-Cultural**: UB Lectures on tribal history, cultural village
- **Health and Medical**: National Aids Coordinating Agency, Clinics
- **Economic**: cattle, ecotourism-Moremi Game Reserve
- **Government**: ministries, US Embassy
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