Winter Term 2015  
Study Abroad Program Galápagos Islands

AUCC 190, Galápagos: Ecology, Community, and Culture/SPA 300, Introduction to Hispanic Culture*

Course Description
The fragility of ecological balance is a key issue in the relations between humankind and nature. In this course, we will become environmentally aware learning about Latin American cultures, communities, and societies. We will rethink critically our understanding of natural history through readings, movie screenings, and, above all, travelling, studying, observing, and discussing on ecology at the Galápagos Islands. By our learning experience in the unique biodiversity of Galápagos, we will realize the importance of Latin America for the ecological balance of Earth. The Intercultural Outreach Initiative (IOI), will host the program in Puerto Villamil on the Island Isabela. Please, visit the IOI website: [http://www.ioi.ec](http://www.ioi.ec)

Course Format: Itinerant Seminar

Grading: Grading will be based on your participation (50%) to discussions and writing short papers (50%). I recommend you write a journal (I will write one).

Before the departure for the Galápagos students should read the following books excerpts available on Blackboard:

Bray, Tamara, Ecuador Pre-Columbian Past;
Gerbi, Antonello, Nature in the New World: From Christopher Columbus to Gonzalo Fernández De Oviedo;
William Miller, Shawn, Environmental History of Latin America.
And watch the following movies:
B.B.C. Galápagos: The Islands that Changed the World (2007) (On reserve);  
Lord, Peter, The Pirates! Band of Misfits (2012) (On reserve);  

*You can take SPA 300 in English and/or Spanish.