

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 26, 2010. Late applications may be reviewed until program is full.

## HOW TO APPLY

The K-State Faculty-Led Group Study Abroad Application materials are available online at: <http://www.k-state.edu/studyabroad/facultyled/students/index.html> Students should submit the completed application form along with the first payment to the Study Abroad Program, 304 Fairchild Hall.

## FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

General Overview of Financial Aid and Scholarships for Faculty-led Programs: <http://www.k-state.edu/studyabroad/facultyled/students/financing.html>



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## BRAZIL

Development, Environment and Creative Writing in the Brazilian Rain Forest

*Summer 2010*



Office of International Programs

Study Abroad Program

## FACULTY LEADERS

Dr. Marcellus Caldas, a native of the Brazilian Amazon region, is an environmental geographer with more than 10 years of experience in research in the Brazilian Amazon region. During these years, he has coordinated many fieldwork expeditions to the Amazon involving undergraduate and graduate students as well as faculty members from Michigan State University, University of Florida, and Kansas State University.

Dr. Martha Smith-Caldas is a biologist with many years of teaching and fieldwork experience. Dr. Smith-Caldas has worked with large groups and has developed a group inclusion capacity, which facilitates student activity, satisfaction, and teamwork.

Dr. Elizabeth Dodd, Director of the Creative Writing Program at K-State, is a poet and essayist whose creative and scholarly work addresses human relationships with the natural world. Her most recent book, *In the Mind's Eye: Essays Across the Animate World* won the Best Creative Book award from the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment in 2009. The winner of four teaching awards at K-State, she has incorporated field trips and place-based writing into both graduate and undergraduate classes.

## DATES

Begins May 24, 2010

Ends June 3, 2010

## ELIGIBILITY

Students will have a minimum GPA of 2.5 to enroll in this course.

## CREDIT

Students will register for two of the three undergraduate courses offered:

- GEO 490 (Problems in Geography),
- BIO 397 (Topics in Biology)
- ENGL 465 (Introduction to Creative Non-Fiction)

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The program will take place in the Brazilian portion of the Amazon Basin, specifically the city of Manaus, Amazonas State.

For Geography and Biology students, the program begins in Manaus, with several days of initial lectures and excursions; continues for several days on an Amazonian boat, where students will have the opportunity to interact with local college students, spend time visiting the rainforest, old rubber plantations, and various other locations that demonstrate the decision of reconciling environmental protection with economic development. Students will do two pre-departure assignments, keep a daily journal during the trip, write four reflection papers, as well as a final essay.

English students will complete some pre-trip reading and a written assignment, keep a daily journal during the trip, and complete three written assignments afterwards.



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided tour of downtown Manaus, including the Praça Histórica, Area do Porto, Mercado, Palácio Rio Negro, and Opera House
- Visit National Institute of Amazonian Research (INPA) and tour Bosque da Ciência (Forest of Science)
- Visit Fundação Esperança, a Brazilian NGO focusing on health and education
- Visit to Adolpho Ducke Botanical Garden
- Multiple-day boat travel on the Amazon River

## COST

**Estimated Program Fees: \$2,570**

**Estimated K-State Tuition and Fees:** Estimated K-State tuition and fees for six undergraduate credits: \$1,280. K-State Division of Continuing Education (DCE) Fee: \$43.00

**Anticipated Additional Expenses:** \$380 Estimated for individual meals, gratuities/tips, and visa.

### Payment Options for Program Fees

**Check** (checks should be made out to Kansas State University. If you submit a check, please be sure the following information is listed on the check: student name, program name, location, name of professor who is teaching the course, and K-State student ID number)

**Credit Card**

**Cash**

### Payment Schedule for Program Fees:

- \$1,785 due with application by March 26, 2010
- \$785 due April 9, 2010