Study Travel & Science Writing in Roatan/Honduras

An International Field Experience imbedded in the 2019 Bellarmine Spring Semester Course ENGL314 Creative Writing: Non-Fiction

Would you like to learn the art and craft of travel writing while having hands-on experience with such animals as Atlantic Bottlenose dolphins, sloths, and macaws? Are you an Environmental Science or Biology student with an interest in reef ecology and science writing? Or perhaps you'd like to explore the political and social justice issues of a small island community dealing with the effects of Western economic policy and climate change?

For the spring semester 2019, students from <u>all majors</u> are invited to join the English Department in Roatan, Honduras for Travel & Science Writing, an international-study section of ENGL.314, Creative Writing: Nonfiction.

Students will attend class on campus throughout the Spring semester, but they will travel during Spring Break to the Roatan Institute for Marine Sciences (RIMS) for a one-week intensive study of Atlantic Bottlenose dolphins and Reef Ecology led by RIMS marine scientists. We will spend our days in class and on the reefs, on excursions to the small villages on the island, and at Anthony's Key taking part in a service project with local children. On their return, students will respond to the immersive experience with travel, nature, or science writing projects back in the classroom on the Bellarmine campus.

Dates: March 2-10, 2019 (Spring Break)

Cost: \$2000 This price includes airfare, room & board, airport transfers in Roatan, excursions, plus course and equipment fees at the Roatan Institute for Marine Sciences for Spring Break.

Steps to take:

- 1. Please contact Dr. Amy Tudor (<u>atudor@bellarmine.edu</u>) or Ms. Renee Culver (<u>rculver@bellarmine.edu</u>) with any questions and to reserve your spot.
- 2. Upon approval from Dr. Tudor, you will receive an **email from the OSAIL** (<u>scampbell2@bellarmine.edu</u>) with a link to the online study abroad application. The application must be submitted, including paying the \$250 program deposit, by Nov. 15.
- 3. If approved by Dr. Tudor, you will be enrolled in **ENGL314 Creative Writing: Nonfiction** for the 2019 spring semester (participation is limited to 16 students)
- 4. **The airfare deposit of \$900 is due Dec. 6, 2018.** Pay by check, made out to *Bellarmine University*, in the OSAIL (CNMH 280). If you would like to pay by credit card, please contact the OSAIL for instructions.
- 5. **The final program balance of \$850 is due Jan. 15, 2019.** Pay by check, made out to *Bellarmine University*, in the OSAIL (CNMH 280). If you would like to pay by credit card, please contact the OSAIL for instructions.

Note: Students must participate in the Spring Break Experience Abroad to enroll is this section of ENGL314.