

**Boise State University School of Social Work
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¡Bienvenido! Thanks for your interest in our course, *Working with Mexicans: A Workshop for Social Workers, Teachers, Counselors, Health Professionals and Spouses*. In the material that follows you will find suggestions for preparation for your participation, a general course description, an application form and explanation of course fees. A course syllabus is available on line. We will also email a copy to you upon receipt of your application. Please complete the application form and return pages four and five only with your deposit as quickly as possible. Keep other pages for future reference. We will be sending readings and additional trip preparation information periodically. We are looking forward to your participation.

For best prices plan to book your air travel as early as possible. Full program participants should plan to arrive in Mexico City before 5 pm on Saturday, June 2 and depart after 2 pm on Sunday, July 1. Module 1 only participants should arrive in Mexico City before 5 pm on Saturday, June 2 and depart after 2 pm on Sunday, June 17. Module 2 only participants should arrive in Mexico City before 3 pm on Saturday, June 16 and depart after 2 pm on Sunday, July 1. We recommend these departure times so that you will be able to attend the Ballet Folklórico on the morning of your departure.

Information about Cuernavaca is found on the website of the Cemanahuac Educational Community www.cemanahuac.com . The full course syllabus is available on the Boise State University School of Social Work website <http://www.boisestate.edu/socwork/>

If you are a full-time student or teacher, you may wish to consider purchasing an International Student/Teacher Identification Card. The \$25 card provides basic accident and sickness insurance, emergency evacuation, passport protection and baggage delay insurance. For information: www.travelcuts.com/usa/html/idcards

If you are not a full-time student or teacher, you may wish to consider purchasing travel insurance. Available through most travel agencies, travel insurance provides benefits similar to the International Student/Teacher Identification Card.

If you have your own travel insurance, bring your university student or teacher ID to Mexico. Sometimes these cards will provide free or reduced price entry to museums and archeological sites.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

¡Hasta pronto!

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Working with Mexicans: a Workshop for Social Workers, Teachers, Counselors, Health Professionals and Spouses

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June 2-17 & June 16-July 1, 2007

Back by popular request, the professional workshop “Working with Mexicans: a Workshop for Social Workers, Teachers, Counselors, Health Professionals and Spouses” will be offered again during summer 2007. The course will be structured in two, 2-week modules with participants enrolling in either one or both modules. Module one will be based in Cuernavaca at Cemanahuac. Module two will be based for one week at Cemanahuac’s rural site in Buenavista a Cuellar (Guerrero) with the final week split between Cuetzalan and San Miguel Tzinacapan (Puebla) and Mexico City. The workshop can be taken for 2-4 graduate or undergraduate credits or 30-60 CEUs. Special arrangements are available for additional credits.

Workshop coordination and leadership will be provided by Boise State University School of Social Work professors Bill Whitaker and Jim Knapp. Bill specializes in social welfare policy with emphasis on poverty, hunger and international social development and coordinates the BSU MSW Program. In addition to being a licensed clinical social worker, Jim is fluent in Spanish, with a BA in Spanish and MA in Bilingual Education and English as a Second Language. Jim is Practicum Director for the School of Social Work and teaches in the areas of clinical practice, diversity and cultural competency. Both Bill and Jim have extensive experience leading international programs for students and professionals.

Immersion Spanish: In Cuernavaca and Buenavista participants will take 20 hours per week of immersion Spanish taught by experienced Mexican instructors from the Cemanahuac Educational Community in classes of no more than 5 students. Placement examinations will help determine Spanish proficiency so that participants are placed in an appropriate class. Immersion Spanish means that only Spanish is spoken in class.

Living with Mexican Families in Cuernavaca and Buenavista participants will learn about family life, practice their Spanish, and experience family gatherings and celebrations. In Cuetzalan we will stay in the Hotel Taselotzin, built and operated by a women’s cooperative, and in Mexico City we will stay in a modest central hotel.

Noted Guest Speakers will include outstanding authorities on Mexico such as Dr. Ross Gandy, Professor of Philosophy & Sociology, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM); Dr. Nelly Salgado, Director, Community Health and Social Welfare, Mexican National Institute of Public Health, Center for Health Systems Research, Cuernavaca; Marina Castañeda, author and psychotherapist; Dr. Dan Lund, President and CEO, Mund Américas; and Kristine Reichert de Salgado, MA, Principal, Marymount Junior and Senior High School, Cuernavaca.

Field trips led by Charles Goff, Admissions Coordinator and Instructor of Anthropology, Cemanahuac Educational Community, will visit archeological and cultural sites such as Cuicuilco, the Temples of the Sun and the Moon, the Basilica of the Virgin of Guadalupe, Mexico City zócalo, Templo Mayor anthropological museum,

Rivera/Orosco/Sigueros murals and botanical gardens. Optional field trips to the “silver city” Taxco and other locations will also be available.

Meetings with women’s, social development, human rights and progressive activist organizations and visiting the homes of working class Mexicans will be key elements of module two.

Readings will include *Mexico in Focus*, a concise introduction to Mexican history, politics and culture by John Ross; *Mexican Lives* in which Judith Hellman shares the stories of fifteen diverse Mexicans, putting a human face on the political and economic transformations affecting Mexico today; and *Inside Mexico: Living, traveling and doing business in a changing society*. In addition, to begin to understand the Spanish conquest of Mexico through the eyes of original Mexicans, we encourage reading an excellent short novel—*Song of the Hummingbird*, by Graciela Limón. These books will be complemented with selected contemporary articles and reports.

For additional information, syllabus and application forms contact Bill Whitaker whitak@boisestate.edu or Jim Knapp jknapp@boisestate.edu or call (208) 426-1568. We are looking forward to your participation in what previous students have described as a “life-changing” experience.

Comments from participants:

“The moment I got home, I realized that I had changed in a great and powerful way.” (Undergraduate Social Work Student)

“The course empowered me and made me a believer that retirement does not mean giving up my goals until every door is shut tight.” (Retired nurse)

“I came away from this trip with a better understanding and appreciation of Mexico and its people....I’m so glad I attended the full 4-week course....I am also seriously considering being a host to a foreign student because I now recognize the value of such a cultural exchange.” (Undergraduate agriculture student)

“I loved this kaleidoscopic crash course on Mexico. Enlarging my world view makes me a better world citizen, another step toward joining the village that raises the world.” (Teacher/homemaker)

“In addition to the notebook stuffed with facts from all the speakers, in addition to (finally!) enough comprehension of the free market process and globalization so that I can understand articles about it and participate intelligently in activism here in the United States, in addition to greater fluency in Spanish and motivation to take a conversation course this fall, in addition to all these experiences—I have a feeling that at some point I will be spending some of the rest of my life living and working, somehow, in Mexico.” (ESL teacher)



**Boise State University School of Social Work
Working with Mexicans Study Trip
June 2-17, June 16-July 1, 2007
Application**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

E-mail _____

Gender _____ Date of birth _____ Occupation _____

Student? (Please indicate your college or university) _____

Passport number (The United States now requires passports) _____

Have you attended Cemanahuac previously? _____

Date of arrival in family home _____ Date of departure from family home _____

Room preference: _____ single; _____ double (\$9/day additional cost for single room)

Allergies, physical limitations, special dietary needs? _____

Notify in case of an emergency: Relationship _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

E-mail _____

Current health insurance coverage (coverage is required):

Provider _____ Policy number _____

Instructions for contacting provider _____

I wish to participate on the following basis:

- enroll in full program (June 2-July 1)
 four graduate credits
 four undergraduate credits
 60 continuing education units
 on a non-credit basis

- enroll in Module 1 (June 2-June 17)
 two graduate credits
 two undergraduate credits
 30 continuing education units
 on a non-credit basis

- enroll in Module 2 (June 16-July 1)
 two graduate credits
 two undergraduate credits
 30 continuing education units
 on a non-credit basis

What are you hoping to gain from this experience?

Have you traveled outside the United States? If so, please describe.

This study opportunity is appropriate for persons with no Spanish language who want to begin to learn Spanish and for those with varying levels of Spanish language proficiency. What is your current level of Spanish proficiency?

Do you have any questions?

Application Deadline

- Applications are due to Boise State University on or before April 1, 2007.
- Applications will be accepted after April 1, subject to availability of space.

Please return to Dr. William Simpson Whitaker,

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<http://www.boisestate.edu/socwork>

Payment Information

Participants will make payments to Boise State University Extended Studies, to Cemanahuac Educational Community, and—to simplify course administration--will pay for some course expenses directly to the instructors upon arrival in Mexico. The latter expenses can be paid in US dollars or in Mexican pesos at the prevailing exchange rate at the time of your arrival. See the following page for details.

Mailing address for payments to Boise State University Extended Studies:

Boise State University Division of Extended Studies
1015 Grant Avenue
Boise, ID 83725-1120

To pay by credit card call 208-426-1709

Mailing address for payments to Cemanahuac Educational Community:

Cemanahuac Educational Community
c/o Vivian B. Harvey
1253 B Lake Shore Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43204

Cemanahuac1@cs.com

Payment Schedule and Program Fees

Full Program (Modules 1 & 2—June 2-July 1)

Total cost Full Program (Modules 1 & 2)

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| 1. For CEUs/noncredit | \$2595 |
| 2. For undergraduate credit | \$2981 |
| 3. For graduate credit | \$3153 |

Schedule of Payments and cost breakdown for Full Program:

to Cemanahuac by May 15 **\$1345**

and

to **Boise State**

CEUs/noncredit **\$1250** (\$350 with application, \$240 April 30, \$660 arrival in Mexico)

Undergraduate credit **\$1636** (\$350 with application, \$626 April 30, \$660 arrival in Mexico)

Graduate credit **\$1808** (\$350 with application, \$798 April 30, \$660 arrival in Mexico)

Module 1 (June 2-17)

Total cost Module 1

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| 1. For CEUs/noncredit | \$1357 |
| 2. For undergraduate credit | \$1524 |
| 3. For graduate credit | \$1610 |

Schedule of Payments and cost breakdown for Module 1:

to Cemanahuac by May 15 **\$957**

and

to **Boise State**

CEUs/non credit **\$400** (\$350 due with application, \$50 on arrival in Mexico)

Undergraduate credit **\$567** (\$350 with application, \$167 by April 30, \$50 on arrival in MX)

Graduate credit **\$653** (\$350 with application, \$253 by April 30, \$50 on arrival in MX)

Module 2 (June 16-July 1)

Total cost Module 2

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| 1. For CEUs/noncredit | \$1348 |
| 2. For undergraduate credit | \$1567 |
| 3. For graduate credit | \$1653 |

Schedule of Payments and cost breakdown for Module 2:

to Cemanahuac by May 15 **\$498**

and

to **Boise State**

CEUs/noncredit **\$850** (\$240 with application, \$610 arrival in Mexico)

Undergraduate credit **\$1069** (\$350 with application, \$109 by April 30, \$610 arrival in Mexico)

Graduate credit **\$1155** (\$350 with application, \$195 by April 30, \$610 arrival in Mexico)

Explanation of Course Costs 2007

Full Program

(See details in Modules 1 and 2 below) Course costs are reduced by \$110 from the separate costs of Modules 1 and 2. Costs for participants returning from a previous year at Cemanahuac will be reduced by an additional \$75.

Module 1

Course costs include Cemanahuac registration, Cemanahuac language instruction fee, Spanish textbook, 2 full day field trips, 1 part day field trip, admissions, speakers, agency visits, fiesta, Boise State University CEUs or course credits, 14 days of double occupancy room and board lodging with your Mexican host family¹, and one night in hotel in Mexico City at conclusion of the program.

Participants are responsible for airfare to Mexico City and return to US, bus transportation to Cuernavaca (about \$10 US), and taxi from bus station to Cemanahuac (\$3-4 US). You will want to bring some spending money for an occasional meal away from your host family, for activities during free time, optional field trips, gifts and so forth.

Module 2

Course costs include Cemanahuac registration, Cemanahuac language instruction fee, Spanish textbook, field trips, admissions, speakers, agency and home visits, fiesta, Boise State University CEUs or course credits, transportation from Mexico City hotel to Cuernavaca to Buenavista to Puebla to Cuetzalan to Mexico City, 6 days of double occupancy room and board lodging with your Mexican host family², one day double occupancy lodging in Puebla, four days of double occupancy room and board lodging in Cuetzalan³ and 4 days of double occupancy lodging in Mexico City⁴.

Participants are responsible for airfare to Mexico City and return to US, taxi from Mexico City airport to Hotel Atlanta in Mexico City (about \$10 US) and taxi from Hotel Atlanta to airport (about \$10). You will want to bring some spending money for an occasional meal away from your host family, for meals in Mexico City, activities during free time, gifts and so forth.

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¹ Single occupancy is available for \$9 more per night--\$126 additional charge.

² Single occupancy is available for \$9 more per night--\$54 additional charge.

³ We will be staying in a small hotel built and operated by a local women's organization. Single rooms are not available.

⁴ Single occupancy is available for \$11 more per night--\$44 additional charge.