2018 JAMAICA OVERSEAS STUDY PROGRAM DATES:
This 6-week, summer intensive, experiential-learning course will run from June 16-July 27, 2018. It begins with 3 weeks of classes on the IUB campus (starting June 16), continues with 2 weeks in Jamaica (July 8-July 22), and ends with 1 final week of classes after returning from Jamaica (July 23-27).

2018 PROGRAM CO-INSTRUCTORS: John Galuska, Ph.D., IU Adjunct Faculty (cultural anthropologist, ethnomusicologist, food activist) & Ross Brillhart (ethnomusicologist)

2018 PROGRAM FLIER: 
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM INVOLVE?
This interdisciplinary overseas study program is a partnership between IU’s Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies (CLACS), the Jamaica Conservation and Development Trust (JCDT), the Bowden Ben Farmers’ Association (BPFA) in rural eastern Jamaica, and The Source Farm Ecovillage in the Parish of St. Thomas. A total of 70 students have participated in the program since it was first created and summer 2018 will mark the 10th time it has been offered! In Jamaica students will participate in experiential-learning initiatives associated with cultural ecology, sustainable agriculture, eco-heritage tourism, park management (at a UNESCO World Heritage Site), and permaculture design. Permaculture is creative systems-thinking approach to designing productive and resilient ways of living for humans while working with and sustaining natural environments. Summer intensive pre-departure class sessions on the IU (Bloomington) campus provide students with a foundational understanding of: 1) Jamaican colonial history and expressive culture; 2) ecotourism and ecological issues in the Caribbean; 3) agricultural practices and constraints facing small-scale farmers in Jamaica; and 4) contemporary approaches to creating and maintaining sustainable and resilient communities. Seminars and workshops in Jamaica with farmers, park rangers, community leaders, herbalists, spiritualists, poets, and musicians place further emphasis on the ROOTS, FRUITS, and RESILIENCY of indigenous agricultural, environmental, and cultural practices. Highlights of the overseas component also include: service-learning projects, farm site visits, a trip to the Maroon community of Moore Town, hiking on historic trails, and other outdoor recreational activities at a newly designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Students will enjoy traditional Jamaican food and hospitality at The Source Farm Ecovillage, the Holywell Recreational Area above Kingston and at the Ambassabeth Cabins Ecolodge in the upper Rio Grande Valley.

PROGRAM LEARNING OBJECTIVES: WHAT WILL I LEARN DURING THE PROGRAM?
The primary learning objectives of this interdisciplinary program/course are seven-fold. After completing the course students will be able to: 1) describe key elements of Jamaica’s rich pre-colonial, colonial, and post-colonial histories; 2) identify the roots and the fruits of multiple forms of Caribbean expressive culture; 3) understand pressing ecological issues and environmental conditions faced by small-scale farmers within Jamaica; 4) provide first-hand examples of the ways in which cultural heritage, sustainable agriculture, and environmental conservation initiatives can positively (re)shape local communities and environments; 5) offer analysis of contemporary ecotourism trends within the Caribbean; 6) demonstrate practical knowledge of permaculture design components that can be applied (in rural or urban settings) to make communities more resilient productive; and 7) propose action steps for personally getting involved in sustainability-related projects or initiatives as a student, researcher, or citizen.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS: WHAT TYPES OF ASSIGNMENTS WILL I COMPLETE?
The major course assignments associated with the program include: required readings, reading responses, journal entries, in-class participation (prior to departure), and on-site activities and reflections while in Jamaica. In addition, all participants will also identify and propose an
individualized research topic to explore as part of the program. A short research proposal will be submitted prior to our departure. In Jamaica the co-instructors will provide individualized feedback and students will conduct on-site fieldwork and research with our various community partners. The co-instructors will help pair students with a variety of helpful individuals and other on-site resources in Jamaica. Possible research topics for exploration include, but are not limited to, such areas as: Jamaican expressive culture (poetry, music, etc.); Caribbean history; Caribbean environmental issues; ecotourism/heritage tourism; food and nutrition; farming and sustainable agriculture; permaculture design, and Caribbean resiliency/responses to environmental change. Your individual research may also address the interrelationship(s) between broad categories like the ones mentioned above. After our return from Jamaica, students will prepare for an in-class presentation of their research findings while overseas. The final assignment for the course will be the completion of a research paper. The paper will include: a statement of the research topic(s), a summary of the research path, a discussion of key insights from class materials, descriptions and reflections on fieldwork experiences in Jamaica, and an explanation of how the research may be applicable to future coursework and/or real-world projects. **NOTE:** Graduate students participating in the program will do additional readings and complete a more detailed research paper.

**PROGRAM APPLICATION MATERIALS: HOW DO I APPLY?**

To obtain the Jamaica summer program application form please email Dr. John Galuska, jgaluska@indiana.edu, or call (812) 219-9864. The completed application should be emailed back to Dr. Galuska. **NOTE: The priority application deadline for participation in the summer 2018 program is February 1st.** You will also need a short letter of recommendation from an IU faculty member as part of your application. For your recommendation letter, please ask a faculty member to write a short letter of recommendation on your behalf. The recommendation can be emailed directly to Dr. Galuska. I am primarily looking for an indication that the course is a good match for you based on your current academic interests. As part of the application I will also need an “unofficial” copy of your current IU course transcript.

**PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE & REGISTRATION PROCEDURE: HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE COURSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAM?**

The program is open both to IU graduate students and to IU undergraduate students with a minimum G.P.A. of 2.75. Other than this there are no particular program prerequisites. A wide range of students from representing many different majors and minors (as well as personal interests) have participated in previous years. After the official application deadline passes, Dr. Galuska will email IU Overseas Study a complete list of the students who have been accepted to the program. Accepted students will receive an official email from Dr. Galuska with additional information and instructions. Overseas Study will then do “academic checks” on each student to make sure there is nothing barring him/her from participating in a study abroad program. Next, Overseas Study will email the accepted students with information on the registration procedure for the course associated with the program.
(OVST-J-497) and instructions for submitting some additional forms that IU students studying abroad must submit. Students can only register for the course after they have been authorized to do so by Overseas Study.

**PROGRAM/COURSE CREDIT: HOW DOES THE COURSE COUNT TOWARD MY ACADEMIC WORK AT IU?**

Because this course is also an overseas study program, you will initially register for the course as “OVST J-497, Overseas Study in the Caribbean.” Once final grades for the course are submitted, it will be entered on your official transcript as “L-426, Latin American & Caribbean Studies.” In past years the course counted toward Culture Studies (List-A) credit. The “Culture Studies List A” designation no longer exists. It is now known as “CASE Global Civilizations and Cultures” (GCC). The summer 2018 offering of the course will count in this regard. If you have questions about how the class might help you fulfill your major/minor, please let us know. We are willing to speak with faculty members and various departments about the program and how it might help in fulfilling particular course requirements. **NOTE:** Participating graduate students can receive 800-level credit (L803) as a readings course in Latin American Studies. Other individualized arrangements are also possible for graduate-level credit by special arrangement. Consult with Dr. Galuska if you are interested in this option.

**PROGRAM COSTS & AIRLINE TICKET: HOW MUCH WILL THE PROGRAM COST?**

The finalized 2018 program costs are $2,800 for Indiana residents (RUGs) and $3,000 for non-residents (NRUGs). This includes: the 3 IU-credit hours (students do NOT pay any IU summer tuition for participating in the program), 41 meals, 14 nights lodging, ground transportation, speakers and performer fees, service fees, and (required) student travel insurance. **The program costs listed above do NOT include round-trip airfare.** Once students have paid their program deposit ($500), I will make an initial round-trip airline reservation and provide flight details. We will be traveling as a group on all of our flights. However, graduate students participating in the program who plan on doing extended fieldwork in Jamaica may make plans to stay longer on the island and return independently. Each student will then be responsible for purchasing a round-trip airline ticket by debit or credit card to Jamaica from Indianapolis International to Kingston (Norman Manley International). It will be important to purchase your ticket within the reservation timeframe that is provided. **NOTE:** We estimate the 2018 round-trip airline ticket cost to be approximately $650.

**PROGRAM DEPOSIT: HOW DOES THE PROGRAM DEPOSIT WORK?**

The required program deposit of $500 is paid directly to Overseas Study and is ONLY paid after you have been formally accepted to the program. The deposit is non-refundable, can be paid by check or online by credit card. Payment is due to the Overseas Study office on or before March 5th, 2018. It is vital that the course deposit be paid by the stated deadline. This is a formal indication that you will be participating in the program. The deposit payment you make counts toward the overall course costs (see below).

**BURSAR BILL & FINANCIAL AID: CAN I RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID FOR THE COURSE?**

Once students have been accepted to the course/program, Overseas Study will provide both the Bursars office and the Financial Aid office with a list of participating students as well as information
about the total program expenses. After your $500 program deposit has been received, the Bursar will bill you for the REMAINING course fees ($2,800 minus $500 deposit = $2,300 for Indiana residents, and $3,000 minus $500 = $2,500 for non-residents). Since the Jamaica program costs will increase your overall academic costs for the school year, you may be eligible for additional aid (IF you already qualify for aid and receive an aid package). I advise you to please speak with a representative from the Financial Aid office if you have specific financial aid questions. However, IF you intend to apply for a financial aid package for the summer you must enroll in at least 6 credit hours. The Jamaica course is a 3-credit course and so you would need to take 3 additional credit hours during the 2\textsuperscript{nd} half of the summer. \textbf{NOTE: If you ONLY participate in the Jamaica program there is no IU summer tuition charge. If you take both the Jamaica program and also register for an additional class during the summer, you would need to pay IU tuition for the additional class.}

**PROGRAM-RELATED FUNDING: ARE GRANTS OR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO HELP PAY FOR THE JAMAICA PROGRAM COSTS?**

Yes, there are grants and scholarships that can help pay for the program costs. If you have an IU scholarship that normally pays part or all of your tuition during the fall and spring, your scholarship may cover part of the Jamaica program costs. Please check with the official office or contact associated with your scholarship. Graduate students who have departmental funding may also be able to make arrangements for the Jamaica program expenses to be covered. Please check with Dr. Galuska for additional information. In addition, summer need-based financial aid packages (student loans) may also be available for students enrolled in a minimum of 6.0 credit hours during the summer (please speak with an IU Financial Aid representative for summer loan information). Multiple merit-based grants and scholarships are also available through IU. These include:

- **Merit-based Funding from DEMA for Minority Students:** Generous funding for IUB students in the Groups Program, 21\textsuperscript{st} Century Scholars, Hudson & Holland Scholars Program, or FASE Mentoring Program is available for students interested in studying abroad. To be eligible, students need to be in good academic standing at the time of the application and have a minimum 2.5 cumulative G.P.A. This is a wonderful opportunity to help make studying abroad financially feasible. If you are in one of these groups, please let Dr. Galuska know so he can share additional information with you. Detailed information about the DEMA funding is available here: [https://ovpdemaoverseas.indiana.edu/study-abroad-scholarships/study-abroad-scholarship.html](https://ovpdemaoverseas.indiana.edu/study-abroad-scholarships/study-abroad-scholarship.html)

- **Merit-based funding from the Hutton International Enhancement Program:** The IU International Enhancement Program (IEP) grant is a great way to help cover part of the Jamaica program costs. It is available to any IU undergraduate student to help subsidize the cost of studying abroad. In past years a significant number of our Jamaica students received between $500-1,000 in IEP grant money to help pay for the program. The 2018 deadline for the IEP grant is the Friday before the IU spring break. To be eligible for the grant students need a 3.40 (or better) cumulative GPA, or 3.70 (or higher) major GPA. For a short-term program like Jamaica, the maximum amount you could receive is up to $1,000. This is a GREAT opportunity to reduce the overall course-costs so please check out the IEP link: [http://www.indiana.edu/~iubhonor/hds/overseas.php](http://www.indiana.edu/~iubhonor/hds/overseas.php)
• **Merit-based funding from the School of Global & International Studies (SGIS) through the Anderson Student Overseas Study Scholarship:** This scholarship is to support current, full-time SGIS undergraduates who participate in IU-approved, credit-bearing overseas study experiences. Programs can be for a semester, an academic year, or for summer study. Students must be officially enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student (minimum 12 credit hours) at the time of application with a major or minor in the School of Global and International Studies and have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at the time of application. Additional information is available here: [https://sgis.indiana.edu/undergraduate/scholarships.html](https://sgis.indiana.edu/undergraduate/scholarships.html)

• **Merit-based travel awards through the Service Learning Program:** The Service-Learning Program accepts applications for scholarship to fund full-time undergraduate students who are participating in service-learning courses or service related activities that require domestic or international travel for service-learning projects. Scholarship for international travel are available in the amount of $500. Application materials for summer 2018 funding are due by March 16. For additional information on this scholarship visit: [https://citl.indiana.edu/grants/student-travel.html](https://citl.indiana.edu/grants/student-travel.html)

**PASSPORT & VISA: DO I NEED A PASSPORT & VISA?**
Yes, you will need a valid passport for travel to Jamaica. No, you will not need a visa for entry into Jamaica. If you do NOT currently have a passport, please apply for one as soon as possible. The program application asks for your passport number. Obviously, if you don't have a passport you won't have a passport number. Leave that item blank on the application when you apply, but make plans to obtain a passport as soon as possible. It can take a number of weeks for your passport application to be processed. You will be responsible for paying for your passport application/processing fee.

**CLASS MEETING TIMES & SCHEDULE: WHEN WILL THE CLASS BE MEETING AT IU?**
The 6-week program/course will begin officially on June 16, 2018 and run until July 27. We will start things off by meeting every day (Monday-Friday) for a period of 3 weeks. Our official meeting time is normally scheduled as 4:30 PM-6:00 PM. If this time does not work for the group, Dr. Galuska will work with everyone to identify another meeting time. The 2018 meeting location will be in a classroom on campus. We will have approximately 14 class sessions before we go to Jamaica. As things are currently scheduled for the 2018 program, we would fly to Kingston on July 8th and be in Jamaica until July 22th. After our return from Jamaica we will have 4 more final class sessions and a potluck party.

**SUMMER SESSION HOUSING: IS HOUSING PROVIDED DURING THE PROGRAM?**
Housing and meals are provided during the overseas component of the course. However, housing is NOT provided during the on-campus components of the course. Students will need to make housing arrangements for the 4 weeks we will be meeting are on campus (3 weeks before we go to Jamaica, and 1 week after we return). **NOTE:** It may be possible to sub-let space or share an apartment with other Jamaica program participants. After students have been accepted Dr. Galuska will ask if anyone needs a roommate or is seeking a summer sublet.
**COURSE TOPICS: WHAT TOPICS WILL THE COURSE ADDRESS?**

This interdisciplinary course was co-created by Dr. Galuska, an ethnomusicologist, folklorist, and cultural anthropologist, and Dr. Keith Vogelsang, a biologist. Since its creation Dr. Galuska was worked with three additional biologists in developing and refining the course. For 2018 the co-instructor for the program will be IU Ethnomusicology graduate student Ross Brillhart (who participated in the program as an undergraduate in summer 2015). The primary subject matter of the course focuses on how humans (re)shape local environments through their traditions and activities. Special emphasis is placed on sustainable agriculture, eco-heritage tourism, and community development in Jamaica. Some students who participate in the program have academic interests directly related to cultural traditions and practices. While others may have strong(er) science backgrounds and interests related to ecosystems and ecology. Regardless of your academic major (or minor) all students bring interesting perspectives and ideas to the group. Our class sessions at IU give equal attend to cultural and environmental topics. Bridging both cultural and environmental components of the course are the concepts of social-ecological resiliency and permaculture design. Here the concept of resiliency relates to the capacity of a group, culture, or ecosystem to deal with (and successfully respond to) shocks, disturbances, or other types of change. Permaculture is a creative systems-thinking approach to that can be used to help humans design resilient and productive ways of living that are beneficial for both humans and nature. Our time on campus provides a foundation of knowledge that informs the experiential-learning activities and projects we will participate in during our stay in Jamaica.

**FIELD SITE LOCATIONS & SCHEDULE IN JAMAICA: WHERE WILL BE GOING?**

After arriving in Jamaica we will spend our first few nights at the Source Farm Ecovillage located in the rural community of John’s Town. The ecovillage was established in 2005 and is a 63-acre intentional community that demonstrates: sustainable living, organic and natural farming, community development, and assists in improving personal and interpersonal relationships. After leaving The Source we drive to the community of Hayfield and then hike on the historic Cunha Cunha Maroon Pass Trail to the Ambassabeth Cabins Ecolodge. Ambassabeth is located in the upper Rio Grande Valley of rural eastern Jamaica near the community of Millbank. This area of Jamaica, sandwiched between the Blue Mountains and John Crow Mountain ranges, is an ecological “hot spot” and home to flora and fauna that exist nowhere else on the planet. During our stay at Ambassabeth we work with local farmers, visit Maroon communities, do additional hiking and exploration, learn about the region’s unique history and ecology, and complete permaculture design and community resiliency projects. When we leave Ambassabeth, we head to the north coast where we spend one night in a hotel in the town of Port Antonio. We then head to the Holywell Recreational Area. Holywell is located in the western edge of the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park (BJCMNP) and is at an elevation of over 4,000 feet above Kingston. Interestingly, the park was newly designated a UNESCO World Heritage site: http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1356. At Holywell we work with park rangers, conservation officers, and community members, complete service-learning projects, take a number of hikes, and visit a unique local coffee estate. When we leave Holywell we spend one final night of the program at the home of a well-established Jamaican poet and musician in Stony Hill. 

**NOTE:** Look carefully at the map below and you will find the locations of Holywell (dark circle above the map’s legend) and Ambassabeth (white circle below Moore Town).
LODGING & FOOD: WHERE WILL WE STAY AND WHAT WILL WE EAT IN JAMAICA?

As indicated above, we will be staying at three primary locations: The Source Farm Ecovillage, Ambassabeth Cabins Ecolodge, and the Holywell Recreational Area. At The Source we will stay in guest houses the ecovillage residents built and rent for visitors. The houses have running water and nice bathroom facilities. At both Holywell and Ambassabeth we'll be staying in shared cabins. The cabins at Ambassabeth were built quite recently while the ones at Holywell have been in use for decades. Some of the cabins we rent at these facilities having running water and private bathrooms. In addition, shared bathroom facilities with sinks, showers, and toilets, are also available. At The Source Farm, and Holywell we will also have access to the Visitor’s Centre, hiking trails, and other on-site facilities. At Ambassabeth we have access to two kitchens, a large “common hall” (meeting/eating space), the amazingly pristine Rio Grande River, hiking trails, and a number of other on-site resources. At all three sites local cooks will be preparing traditional Jamaican meals for us. This is amazing food and has always been an extremely memorable part of the trip or students. Our cooks always like it when we visit the kitchen facilities, help cook with them, and socialize. NOTE: If you are a vegetarian or vegan, or have other special dietary needs/preferences, please let me know so we can plan accordingly. We are happy to honor special dietary requests.
PERSONAL SAFETY & HEALTH ISSUES: IS JAMAICA SAFE?

For many years Jamaica has struggled with a high crime rates. However, much of the crime is concentrated in the greater Kingston metropolitan area. We spend the majority of the program in remote rural areas which have small populations and extremely low crime rates. When we travel we are usually accompanied by one or more of our trusted community partners. Fortunately, we have had no significant issues with crime on any of our past four trips. Prior to leaving for our trip we discuss a number of common sense personal safety measures to help make sure our time in Jamaica is incident free. During our trip we do take part in a number of strenuous outdoor physical activities (hiking, farming, swimming, etc.). During such activities we carry first aid kits. The injuries we have experienced in past years have been minor (small cuts, bruises, sprains, etc.). Jamaica has experienced cases of malaria in the past, but the number of cases has been small and the risk of
contracting malaria in Jamaica is quite low. In recent years, cases of the Chickungunya Virus, also spread to people by mosquitoes, have been documented in Jamaica, other Caribbean and Latin American countries, as well as North America. Symptoms of the virus include, fever and severe joint pain. There is no vaccine for Chikungunya, but travelers can take common sense precautions by preventing mosquito bites through the use of insect repellent, wear long sleeves and pants, and stay in places with window and door screens: [http://www.cdc.gov/chikungunya](http://www.cdc.gov/chikungunya). There are no required vaccinations for travel to Jamaica, but it is recommended that visitors have their routine vaccinations up to date prior to travel. Tap water in Jamaica is safe for consumption and the filtered spring water we drink at Ambassabeth Ecolodge is also safe. **NOTE:** As part of the Jamaica program requirements each student will enroll in a comprehensive short-term travel insurance program offered through IU/Overseas Study. The fee for this insurance is included in the program fee students pay.

**POST-JAMAICA:** WHAT HAPPENS AFTER WE RETURN FROM JAMAICA?
In our 4 class sessions after we return to IU, we will spend time formally reflecting on our experiences and accomplishments. Each student will also give a brief presentation on his/her individualized research project. These presentations will be tied to a paper that will be submitted as the final assignment for the course. We will also have a group dinner/potluck the weekend after the course ends. A “Jamaica reunion” usually takes place sometime in the fall semester following the program.

**OTHER JAMAICA PROGRAM-RELATED QUESTIONS?**
To apply for the course, or to learn more information, please contact Dr. Galuska: [jgaluska@indiana.edu](mailto:jgaluska@indiana.edu), 812-219-9864. Additional information and past photos from the program are available through our Facebook group:

**Roots, Fruits & Resilient Jamaican Ecologies**

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Source Farm Ecovillage (May 2016)  
Rio Grande Valley (June 2016)