

W&M Bosnia Project:

Small international service learning project with outsized impact

- Combines coursework, cross-cultural co-teaching, creative films & collaborative research
- Won national award ('15) for “best practices” in international education
- Pioneered COLL 300's cross-cultural engagement

Bosnian children show off their ideal city



Course improves local impact

Spring course's assessment of local context, participatory action research, ICC & lessons from foreign aid:

- Promotes “doing no harm” during 4-week summer program in a polarized post-war society
- Meets Bosnian children's need for free, fun, and skill-developing informal education

Learning about the benefits of diversity through making fruit salad



Collaborative research promotes skills & lasting change in post-war Bosnia

Policy relevant research on promoting inter-cultural communication skills empowers:

- W&M students to conduct field research, analyze data, and co-author
- Data collection to improve the project's impact
- Research findings to be brought into the formal classroom by young Bosnian teachers

W&M Students on Bosnia Project's Benefits

Leadership opportunities

- Student-led, 6 alumni won Fulbrights

Beyond-the-classroom learning

Participatory action research skills

Co-teachers engage
in weekly reflection

Collaborative teaching

- W&M and Bosnian co-teachers

Cultural immersion

- Connect with host families & locals in a mainly Muslim city

Innovative tool of filmmaking



♡ Perfect world ♡

Perfect world is a world without war or hate. At my perfect world everyone will be happy and enjoy every day. There will not be war or hate. Everyone will love each other and there will not be poor and ~~homeless~~ homeless people. Kids will go in good and safer schools and they ~~can~~ can eat candies. Black people will have the same stuff and live like white or Asian people. Everyone will be happy and everybody will have good jobs and it will be more born than ~~dead~~ people.

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