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 intercultural 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

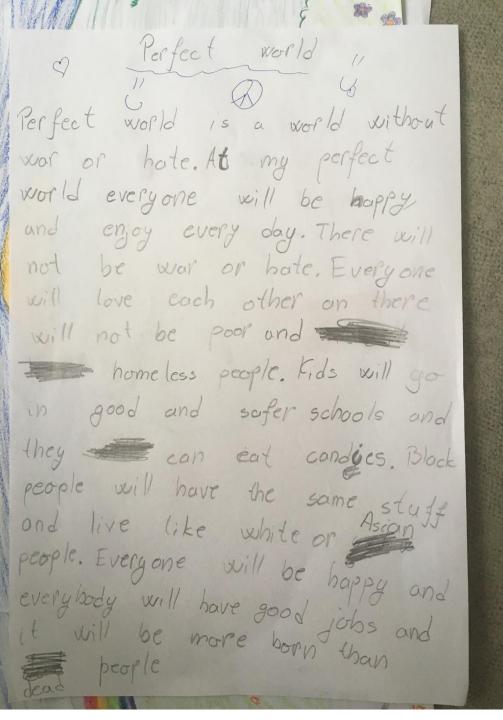
W&M and Bosnian co-teachers

Cultural immersion

 Connect with host families & locals in a mainly Muslim city

Innovative tool of filmmaking





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