

## **Kenya: Development. Social Justice and Peace**

The Summer Program in Kenya will be held from mid-May (either May 16 or May 22) to mid-June.

**CURRICULUM:** This one-month program has three components: (1) Kiswahili language study, (2) a series of interdisciplinary lectures by local experts on the challenges of peace, development and social justice in East Africa, and (3) internships with community organizations in an urban slum neighborhood. The combination of rigorous academic study with community-based internships epitomizes the mission of Holy Cross to promote global citizenship and social justice with special emphasis on the preferential option for the poor. Students will spend 4-5 days a week in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, attending classes in the mornings and participating in internships in the afternoons. The academic component of the program will be offered through the Catholic University of East Africa and the Jesuit Institute for Peace Studies and International Relations at Hekima College. Internships in the nearby Kibera slum are available in areas like education (with a special emphasis on AIDS orphans), public health, youth sports and women's organizations. On the weekends there will be excursions to experience the ethnic, cultural and socio-economic diversity of Kenya, including a visit to the Masai Mara game preserve, one of the premier wildlife preserves in the world. Students will be housed, take their meals and attend classes at Hekima College's Institute for Peace Studies, located within a short walking distance of the internship sites in the Kibera slum.

**CREDIT:** The program will count as one Holy Cross course credit. The course fulfills "Cross Cultural" or "Social Science" Common Area Requirement.

**COSTS:** The estimated cost for the program is between \$5,800 to \$6,500. This includes registration and administrative fees, round-trip airfare, tuition, housing, all meals, and course-related excursions. Limited financial aid is available for this program.

**GENERAL APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Applications, including registration form, two-page personal essay, transcript, and proof of health insurance, are due in the Study Abroad Office, Smith Hall 212, no later than **Friday, December 4, 2009**. One academic reference is due by **Friday, December 11, 2009**.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact Prof. Judith Chubb, Fenwick 324 (jchubb@holycross.edu) or call Study Abroad at (508) 793-3082.