June 2015 Scholar Abroad Application
Trinidad and Tobago “Island Life: A Literary and Cultural Survey of the Caribbean”
ENGL 4400 (3 Credit Hours) with “H” and “I” Designation

Dr. Richard Frohock
Monday, June 1st – Friday, June 12th, 2015
Note: Final project due Oct. 15, 2015, making this an OSU fall 2015 course.

About Henry Bellmon “Scholar Abroad” Programs
The Henry Bellmon Office of Scholar Development and Undergraduate Research’s “Scholar Abroad” series celebrated its inaugural year in 2014 with courses on four continents. Our Scholar Abroad programs are popular with OSU’s outstanding students and known for their exceptional academic benefits. International experience gives students a global perspective and a competitive edge to win prestigious scholarships, secure prominent jobs, and gain admission to top graduate school programs. OSU Scholar Abroad is expanding in 2015 and “Island Life” is the fifth of this series of international programs. Participants will attend thorough pre-departure travel orientations and be assigned texts to prepare for this experience. Leading this program is OSU Professor and Head of the English Department, Dr. Richard Frohock, who specializes in Early American and Early Caribbean Studies, in collaboration with Tim O’Neil, OSU Undergraduate Research Coordinator and Javits Fellow in Early American Studies.

Program Information
Taught at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine campus, this program will investigate the literary and cultural history of the Caribbean Islands. Topics of interest include colonization and decolonization, natural resources and environment, and traditional and contemporary forms of artistic expression. Students will also visit historical sites and experience contemporary life in the Caribbean through numerous excursions. Readings for the course will include early explorer and settler accounts, such as Columbus’ letters (1492) and Richard Ligon’s A History of Barbados (1657); nineteenth-century novels like Cynric Williams’s Hamel, the Obbeah Man (1827) and The History of Three-Fingered Jack (1840); and 20th century and contemporary literature, like V.S. Naipaul’s A House for Mr. Biswas (1961), Jean Rhys’s, Wide Sargasso Sea (1966), and selections from The Oxford Collection of Caribbean Short Stories (20th Century). Students will do some readings in advance of travel, will keep journals of their experiences during the trip, and will turn in a major written assignment in the fall 2015 semester. An itinerary, subject to minor changes, is found below:

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<td>30 Friday</td>
<td>Program applications due to A&amp;S Outreach by 5pm. Applicants are notified shortly of their acceptance.</td>
<td>01 Monday Depart OKC / Arrive POS Group will depart together (optional) from the OKC airport. Late arrival into Trinidad.</td>
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<td>TBA</td>
<td>Pre-departure meeting #1. Discuss program itinerary and objectives, and review practical travel requirements.</td>
<td>02 Tuesday UWI and Tunapuna Class at University of the West Indies. Tunapuna guided tour. Malick Folk Performance.</td>
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<td>TBA</td>
<td>Pre-departure meeting #2. Discuss program itinerary and objectives, and review practical travel requirements.</td>
<td>03 Wednesday St Augustine, Trinidad Tour of the University of the West Indies campus and class.</td>
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<td>04 Thursday Central Trinidad Guided tour incl. Chaguanaas Market, Lion House, sugar factory, two temples, museums.</td>
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<td>05 Friday</td>
<td>St Augustine and Caroni Class at University of the West Indies. Boat tour of Caroni Wetlands bird sanctuary.</td>
<td>06 Saturday Northern Trinidad Autistic Society volunteer activity. Visit to Maracas Beach.</td>
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<td>07 Sunday</td>
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<td>08 Monday Port of Spain, Trinidad Independent Activities / Free Day Class at University of the West Indies. Tour of Port of Spain (capital) and turtle watching.</td>
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<td>09 Tuesday</td>
<td>St Augustine, Trinidad</td>
<td>10 Wednesday Island of Tobago Class at University of the West Indies.</td>
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<td>St Augustine, Trinidad</td>
<td>12 Friday Depart POS / Arrive OKC Group will depart together (optional) from the Trinidad airport. Late arrival into OKC.</td>
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For information contact
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SUBMIT ALL MATERIALS BY January 30, 2015 5pm to Arts & Sciences Outreach
213 Life Sciences East
Stillwater, OK 74078
Tel: 405-744-5647

SEE BACK FOR INSTRUCTIONS
Terms/Conditions, Scholarship Support, and Application

The actual program fee is $2,150, however, all students accepted will receive substantial scholarship support ($1,000) bringing the cost down to $1,150. An additional scholarship of up to $250 may be available to students requesting it by submitting an optional short essay describing exceptional financial need. Further, the OSU Office of Study Abroad has additional scholarships that students may apply for. The cost INCLUDES three OSU credit hours, 11 nights accommodation and board (incl. breakfast, lunch, and dinner), fees for all group activities and tours listed on this application, all local group ground transportation, and all guest lectures. Please note that all items are subject to change without notice. The cost EXCLUDES the round-trip OKC-Trinidad-OKC flight and all personal/misc. expenses such as passport fees, any required visas (not required for USA passports), excess baggage fees, etc.

Scholarship support is made possible by The Henry Bellmon Office of Scholar Development and Undergraduate Research. All tuition and applicable program fees, along with the scholarship support you receive, will appear on your Bursar account during April 2015. No OSU tuition waivers are usable for this course. Note: April 1, 2015 is the deadline to drop this course with no financial penalty. After that date, you will be responsible for all the course costs, including tuition, even though it will not appear on your Bursar account until spring. This is a statement of interest and application form, not an official OSU registration form. Completion of this form will only allow you to be considered for acceptance in the program. You will be notified within approximately one week from submission of your application.

Full Name
Address
City
Cell Phone
Major
Citizenship(s)
Do you have a passport?

To Apply:
1. All students must submit this form (to A&S, see front) and an official OSU transcript before January 30, 2015.
2. Attach a short essay (max 500 words) on, “The reasons for my interest in taking this course, what I can contribute, and how I will benefit from the experience.”
3. Attach a letter of reference from an OSU faculty member in support of your taking this course.
4. Optional: Attach a description (max 300 words) of exceptional financial need for further scholarship support of up to $250. Please include a list of all current OSU scholarships and others that you have been awarded.
5. If accepted, you must meet with the staff in A&S Outreach to discuss the registration process.

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I agree with all terms, confirm the accuracy of this information, and wish to apply for this Scholar Abroad program.

Printed Name: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________ Date: _________________