

Service-Learning Courses Berea College 2003-04 Academic Year

FALL SEMESTER 2003

BST/GST 230 African-Americans in Appalachia

Instructor: Paula McGhee

Students collaborated with the AAABC (African Americans of Appalachia and Blount County) program in east Tennessee to collect and preserve the history of African Americans in this predominantly white Appalachian community. Students traveled to Blount County where they met with community members and service-learning students from Maryville College, in addition to conducting community-based research.

CFS 221 Fundamentals of Nutrition

Instructor: Janice Blythe

Students studied hunger on local and global levels, while addressing hunger issues in the Berea community. Students participated in the annual Hunger Hurts food drive, which collects food for the Berea Community Food Bank. Students also helped produce the Oxfam Hunger Banquet, which educated participants about global hunger, its causes and its effects.

CSC 205 Introduction to Computer Science

Instructor: Jan Pearce

Students created web pages for local non-profits and small businesses.

GST/WST 244 Service, Citizenship, and Community

Instructor: Meta Mendel-Reyes

Students conducted several small-group community-based research projects in partnership with local and regional community groups. These projects included gathering organizational history for the Kentucky Environmental Foundation and collecting oral histories for the Harlan County PACT (Partnerships Affirming Community Transformation) Project. In order to study the relationship between public policy and the problem of hunger, the class as a whole participated in the annual Hunger Hurts food drive.

HLT 210 Health in Appalachia

Instructor: Kris Wright

Students conducted group projects, in which they collaborated with the Madison County Health Department, the Berea College Counseling Center, and the Layne House (an addiction treatment facility in Prestonsburg, Kentucky) to produce educational presentations about health issues relevant to the Appalachian region.

MGT 315 Business Management

Instructor: Debbi Brock

Students conducted group projects in which they developed their management skills by seeing a project through from start to finish. Students collaborated with local community organizations to complete projects, including developing and distributing bilingual brochures for the Bluegrass Farmworkers Health Center and conducting a clothing drive for the New Opportunity School for Women.

NUR 343 Nursing of Women and the Childbearing Family

Instructor: Elaine Blizman

Students assisted in coordinating a free Hispanic Health Fair at which flu shots, diabetes checks and cholesterol checks were offered at no cost. Healthy snacks and entertainment for children were also offered. The class collaborated with the Madison County Health Department and with St. Clare Catholic Church for this project.

SHORT TERM 2004

ANR 308 Support for Limited-Resource Agricultural Producers

Instructor: Dianne Hellwig

Students spent a week with the Clearfork community in northeast Tennessee to learn about the Woodland Community Land Trust and to explore the possibility of sustainable livestock production in the community. Students and community members worked together to develop recommendations for land and livestock use.

BST/WST 203 Women in the Civil-Rights Movement 1955 – 1970

Instructors: Meta Mendel-Reyes and Linda Strong-Leek

Students spent a week traveling through the South to visit key museums, monuments, and locations of the Civil Rights Movement, as well as to talk with women who were leaders in the Civil Rights Movement. Upon their return, students developed presentations about women in the Civil Rights Movement, which were shared with Shannon Johnson Elementary School, Union Church, Madison Middle School, and the Madison County Boys and Girls Club.

SPRING SEMESTER 2004

ECO 350 Econometrics

Instructor: Caryn Vazzana

Students partnered with the Madison County Health Department to research and analyze data related to automobile crashes.

Education and Theatre Collaboration

Instructors: Deborah Martin and Brenda Richardson

The collaboration involved education and theatre students who led a daylong workshop on movement, story-telling, improvisation, and make-up/costumes for students at Crab Orchard Elementary.

ENG 275 Writing for Science and Technology

Instructor: Tammy Horn

Students partnered with Save the Children, Appalachian Field Office to write regional profiles for publicity materials.

GSTR 203 US Traditions

Instructor: Meta Mendel-Reyes

In order to further their learning in the Appalachian unit of the course, students traveled to the Clearfork community in northeast Tennessee, where they helped local students prepare community garden beds.

GSTR 203 US Traditions

Instructor: Dan Vazzana

Students collaborated with the Historic Black Berea project to expand the Early History of Black Berea website.

MGT 315 Business Management

Instructor: Debbi Brock

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NUR 349 Community Health Nursing and Leadership II

Instructor: Brenda Hosley

Senior nursing students developed resources for community organizations and local schools, based on needs assessment research conducted by the same students during the previous semester.

PED 245 Dance

Instructor: Susan Spalding

Dance students taught dance in local schools.

REL 211 Women in Religion**Instructor: Michelle Tooley**

Students collaborated with the Clearfork community in northeast Tennessee, where they helped local children establish community garden plots and assisted in collecting stories from women in the community.

Sustainability and Environmental Studies Project**Instructor: Richard Olson**

Students and members of Egret's Cove, an intentional community focused on sustainable living, led workshops on straw bale construction and permaculture food forests. The workshops were open to students and community members.

TEC 111 Technology II**Instructor: Brad Christensen**

Students partnered with the Madison County chapter of Habitat for Humanity to build receptacles to store recyclable aluminum cans. The cans are a source of income for Habitat and were built to look like mini-Victorian homes!

SUMMER 2004**Entrepreneurship for the Public Good (EPG) Summer Institute****Instructors: Debbi Brock/Lori Briscoe/Jeanne Hibberd (and others)**

Student groups worked with community partners in the Clearfork community of northeast Tennessee, in Owsley County, Kentucky, and in Estill County, Kentucky. Students completed projects including developing a resource book for potential goat farmers, planning and hosting a drug-free community celebration, developing a plan for a community murals project, writing a business plan for a community learning center and developing a publicity plan for a community artisan driving tour.