Special MEZCOPH Seminar

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Mexico-Guatemala Border Health Service Learning
Service-Learning
Faces and Places

- Experiential Learning
- Provides a needed service
- Bonds students to the community
- Personal transformation

The Cone of Learning

After 2 weeks, we tend to remember...

- 10% of what we READ
- 20% of what we HEAR
- 30% of what we SEE
- 50% of what we SEE & HEAR
- 70% of what we SAY
- 90% of what we SAY & DO

I see and I forget. I hear and I remember. I do and I understand.
— Confucius

Source: Edgar Dale (1969)
Service-Learning Course Objectives

- Demonstrate cultural understanding
- Draw comparisons between the Guatemala/Mexico and the Mexico/United States border regions
- Understand causes of migration and health effects on migrant families and communities
- Learn about sustainable development models
- Provide direct service and support local economies
3 Essential Questions:

• What are the common themes (economical, political, health, etc.) at each border separately and in connection? How do these affect the health of the people?

• How do systems interplay in fault and/or to benefit health?

• How can we advocate for public health through partnership?
Service-Learning Reflections
Itinerary

• Route
  • Tapachula
  • Salvador Urbina
  • Tapachula
  • Tecun Uman
  • Malacatan
  • El Carmen
  • San Marcos/San Pedro
  • Tapachula
Day 1: Arrival in Tapachula, Mex.
Days 2-3: Salvador Urbina, Mex.
Salvador Urbina cont’d
Salvador Urbina
Day 4 - Tapachula, Mex - IOM
Tapachula, Mexico – Secretaria de Salud
Day 5 - Tapachula, Mex. – Buen Pastor Migrant Shelter
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Day 5 – Malacatan, Guatemala
Day 6 – San Marcos/San Pedro, Guatemala
Day 7 – Scalabrini Migrant Shelter, Tecun Uman, Guatemala
Day 7 – Tecun Uman, Guatemala / Ciudad Hidalgo, Mexico
Day 8 – Tapachula, Mexico
Root Causes and Health Effects

Comparisons between the Risks and Dangers of Migration along the Southern and Northern Borders
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Contextual Objectives

Mission: Commitment to understand the root causes of migration, provide information to marginalized populations and understand the risks, dangers and health disparities this population faces, and assist in a manner that directly reflects the importance of human rights.

Goal: act with our international partners in the community to:
- Assist in meeting the growing operational challenges of migration management.
- Advance understanding of migration issues.
- Encourage social and economic development through migration.
- Uphold the human dignity and well-being of migrants.
Root Causes of Migration

- Economic
- Family Reunification
- Violence in home countries
- Better conditions
- Education
- Natural Disasters

‘People leave their countries to find a better future, but instead of finding a better future, they come across things they would never expect to find. It’s very sad for all of us because we are all suffering.’ Los Invisibles
Family Reunification

- The second most mentioned and researched root cause of migration
- Effects on both those migrating for the first time and those that have been deported and are returning to the United States
- Increases in women migrating with children to reconnect with family
Economic Root Causes

- Increase in job prospects
- Increase in access to education, health care, and increased levels of opportunity
- Betterment of opportunities for children
- Lack of access to jobs in home countries
- Increases in governmental corruption and violence leading to unsafe living conditions and economic implications
Migrant Routes

Migrant Routes from the Southern Border of Mexico into the United States.
Migrant Routes: Northern Border

Arizona's international border

The U.S.-Mexico border spans 375 miles across Arizona.
Illegal immigrant deaths, by Border Patrol sector

Covering 262 miles, the Tucson Sector has recorded nearly half of all deaths along the U.S.-Mexico border in the last decade.*

San Diego Sector
There have been 211 reported illegal immigrant deaths in this sector since 2001. That’s 6 percent of all border deaths.

El Centro Sector
There have been 383 reported illegal immigrant deaths in this sector since 2001. That’s 10 percent of all border deaths.

Yuma Sector
There have been 201 reported illegal immigrant deaths in this sector since 2001. That’s 5 percent of all border deaths.

Tucson Sector
There have been 1,659 reported illegal immigrant deaths in this sector since 2001. That’s 7 percent of all border deaths.

El Paso Sector
There have been 148 reported illegal immigrant deaths in this sector since 2001. That’s 4 percent of all border deaths.

Del Rio Sector
There have been 273 reported illegal immigrant deaths in this sector since 2001. That’s 9 percent of all border deaths.

Marfa Sector
There have been 17 reported illegal immigrant deaths in this sector since 2001. That’s 1 percent of all border deaths.

Rio Grande Sector
There have been 528 reported illegal immigrant deaths in this sector since 2001. That’s 14 percent of all border deaths.

* The numbers cover from Oct. 1, 2000, the first day of fiscal year 2000, through July 31, 2010. Percentages have been rounded.
Health Effects

Discussion on health effects on both borders, health effects on special populations, and the comparison and analysis of the composite health affects through the journey between Central America and the United States.
Health Risks

Risks on the Migrant Route
- Physical Injuries
- Lack of Access to care/ resources
- Dehydration
- Sexual Exploitation
- Drug Trafficking
- Assault
- Robbery
- Abandonment
- Kidnapping
- Torture
- Murder
- Mental Health
- Death
Health Promotion among at-risk migrant populations

Talks and information distribution on the risks and dangers of migration, both on the Southern Border, and migration through the Arizona desert.

- Health promotion seminars regarding the risks and dangers of migrating to the United States
- Unaccompanied minors
- Discussions on root causes of migration; economic, political, and social implications
Policy Recommendations

Provide information on:
- Drawing comparisons between both borders
- Migration protocol between inter-institutional governmental and non-governmental agencies
- Unaccompanied minors
Los Invisibles

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfjuI7BC698
Common Themes

- Complexity
- Factionism
- Politics
- Social capital
- Teamwork & Partnerships
- Community engagement
- Communication
- Community development / sustainability
Public Health Advocacy: Next Steps

- Raising awareness and generating support
- Sharing our experiences
  - Conferences
  - Community presentations
  - Information exchanges
- Extending service projects
- Bridging gaps and fostering partnerships
- Research/Internships/Thesis
- Going back and taking you with us
Partnerships

Course Partners

- Cafe Justo
- Frontera de Cristo / Migrant Resource Center
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Tapachula Regional Center for Public Health Research (CRISP)
- UA Zuckerman College of Public Health
- UA Global Health Institute
- UA College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture

Collaboration Opportunities

- Service Learning
- Continual Resource Exchange
- Technical Assistance
- Student Internships
- Scholar/Student Exchanges
- Research
Reflections
“Public Health Systems do not adequately respond to the needs of migrants. Not in the U.S. Not in Mexico. Not in Guatemala.”
AMIGO MIGRANTE

PARA EL VIH/SIDA

NO EXISTEN FRONTERAS

QUEREMOS QUE ESTES INFORMADO

PROTEGETE EN CADA RELACIÓN SEXUAL

NO COMPARTAS JERINGAS

EL USO DE TATUAJES ES UN RIESGO, EXIGE AGUJAS DESECHEABLES

¡TU SALUD NOS IMPORTA!

JURISDICCIÓN SANITARIA VII
COORDINACIÓN VIH/SIDA/ITS
“There is never just one reason why people leave; the stories are all so complicated.”
“There is so much connection among organizations, shelters and advocates...but it’s saddening to see there is so much disconnection too.”
“Far too many people speak about immigration with little knowledge or understanding about the struggles and challenges immigrants face and how our state and national policies affect the lives of our fellow humans...
“Our work opened my eyes to realities I hadn’t imagined, and it would be irresponsible for me not to share this knowledge and experience with others.”
“Whether they realized it or not, each person at that table was directly linked to one another: the farmers, the IOM, CRISP... while we U of A students were observing and gathering data to renegotiate how we view our own Sonora-Arizona border.
“And, perhaps most important of all, we were all forging new and lasting relationships in the name of bettering the world we live in.”
“It is imperative that people understand that migration is not something that will ever be quelled. People migrate for family, a chance at a better economic opportunity, a chance at a different life...”
“The conversation will never be over, nor should it…and human rights require that we continue to address the questions, and provide resources and information on risks and dangers to this resilient population.”
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