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April, 2008

To: Those interested in the January 2009 Interim, "Literature of the Eastern Caribbean"  
From: Karen Cherewatuk  
Subject: Application and Selection Procedures

Thank you for your interest in English 270, the Interim I shall be leading to the Eastern Caribbean in January 2009. **Please carefully follow these instructions for this interim program.**

I am currently on sabbatical leave and am not always available on campus. In fact, I do not even have an office this year. If you have questions about the program after the International Studies Open House (held on April 8, from 4:30-6:30, in the Black and Gold Ballroom), please email me at cherewat@stolaf.edu.

Follow these directions for applying to English 270:

1. Complete the supplemental questions attached to the extended course description that are specific to this program. I will not sign your green form until you show me written responses to these questions.
2. Complete a copy of the green form, Application for Interim Abroad, and obtain my signature between April 21 and 25. Because I will be away the week applications are due and unavailable to sign forms, I will hold office hours in the Cage daily, the 15 minutes before and during chapel all week, April 21-25. Please note: a) Look for me at a table out by the open area. I have short brown hair and will have a map of the Caribbean propped up. b) No signature without supplemental questions answered. c) If you have failed to obtain my signature by April 25, contact Kathy Tuma in International Studies in order to May the May 1 deadline.
3. Return the completed green form and supplemental questions + the required deposit to the International and Domestic Off-Campus Studies Office by Thurs., May 1.
4. Be willing to meet with me sometime on May 6th or 7th for a brief interview.

Our aim is to choose a balanced group of 22 participants, based upon such factors as gender, major, graduating class, interest, and experience. After my brief interviews with applicants, the selection will be announced on Wed., May 15 by letter. If there are more qualified applicants than places, we shall draw up a waiting list and inform those on it.

In regard to the supplemental questions, they will help me get to know you. There is no right or wrong answer to any of the questions. Please answer them as straightforwardly as you can.

I hope you decide to apply. For further information, you might like to talk to those who were on the 2007 interim and have not yet graduated. They are: Zach Chalgren, Ohmar Coughlin, Bror Herrick, Eric Jackman, Becca Koch, Anders Lind, Hannah Lussier Heidi Morse, Eliza Sanders, Matt Simenstad, Alex Sommer, Matt Tiano, Meggie Wade, and Victor Wong.

## Supplemental Questions for Literature of the Eastern Caribbean

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Status in Jan. 2009: Sophomore/Junior/Senior

Major(s): .....

1. Have you traveled overseas before, whether alone, with family or others, or on a Saint Olaf program? If so, please give details.
2. Describe a book you have read in the past year for pleasure (not for a course) and its affect on you.
3. What are your extra-curricular interests? How do you like to spend your time outside of academic work?
4. The interim will involve sustained group interaction and travel in unfamiliar places. What sort of group member do you think you will make? Describe yourself in the adjectives other group members would attribute to you or the roles you typically take up in a group.
5. You should be aware that you will be living for a month as a member of a clear minority group: from the Caribbean perspective, we are all wealthy Americans. In addition to social discomfort you might feel, the program requires modest but occasionally rigorous exercise (mostly walking steep hills in heat). How will you handle these situations? Do you have any physical or emotional conditions that I should know about?
6. In a few sentences, explain how this program fits into your educational goals and plans at St. Olaf.