Students in this travel seminar will study the ways in which South Africa’s past is a vibrant and complicated part of its present. This seminar visits a wide range of historical sites to investigate the ways in which the people of South Africa tell the stories of their past (a traumatic racial history), their present, and their future. We will analyze museum experiences, tour practices, and visual culture to explore how narratives of the past—and its relationship to the present and to the future—are presented. Our approach to films, non-fictional writing, oral narratives, fictional writing, poetry, and the visual as well as verbal texts presented in museums makes this seminar interdisciplinary in nature and interesting to students in any field of study.

South Africa is a breathtakingly beautiful country. Students in this seminar will see two of its major cities, Johannesburg and Cape Town, while also spending several days at a lodge in the Kruger National Park area reflecting on race relations in rural areas, “eco” or “nature” tourism, and storytelling as part of “safari” experiences. The group will undertake two service projects, including a day of volunteering with Children’s Eco Training in the Klaserie Nature Reserve. Exposure to a culture and a literature outside of the United States invites students to think critically about global race relations, the power and impact of storytelling, and the role of literature in human responses to oppression. Students will engage in active discussion, develop a sense of community with their co-travelers, and sharpen their critical thinking skills as we journey, study, and think together in this seminar.

SEEING SOUTH AFRICA:
Storytelling & Race Relations
May 14 - June 4, 2013  ENG 93 / ENG 158 / HONR 97
Written Communication AOI / Multicultural AOI
Led by Professors Klimaszewski & Madden
**ITINERARY**

**TUES 14 MAY** Depart Des Moines at 11:00am for flight to Johannesburg via Atlanta (non-stop from Atlanta).

**WED 15** Arrive Johannesburg, group dinner at Indaba Fourways Hotel (http://www.indabahotel.co.za/)

**THURS 16** Constitution Hill

**FRI 17** Informal township tour of Soweto, Freedom Square, Hector Pieterson Museum, Sakumzi Restaurant for lunch, and Regina Mundi Church.

**SAT 18** Apartheid Museum, Soweto Theatre, and Roots restaurant (including art gallery).

**SUN 19** Rooftop Artisan Market at Rosebank Mall

**MON 20** Walking tour of the University of Witswaterstrand, visit to the Origins Centre, the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site, and the Lion Park.

**TUES 21** Liliesleaf Farm. If possible, Vlakplaas, Chris Hani's grave, and the Biko Foundation.

**WED 22** View Voortrekker Monument on the way to Baobab Ridge Lodge (http://www.baobabridge.com/). Full-day drive to Kruger Area, including stop for groceries. Catered welcome dinner.

**THURS 23** Morning and evening game drives at Baobab Ridge, including sunrise and sunset viewings. Afternoon class meetings, and journal writing/reflection time.

**FRI 24** Morning and evening game drives at Baobab Ridge, including sunrise and sunset viewings. Afternoon class meetings, and journal writing/reflection time.

**SAT 25** Service project with Children's Eco Training (http://www.ecochildren.co.za/) at Klasere Reserve.

**SUN 26** Morning and evening game drives at Baobab Ridge, including sunrise and sunset viewings. Afternoon class meetings, and journal writing/reflection time.

**MON 27** Drive back to Johannesburg; depart from Johannesburg airport on flight to Cape Town. Check in to Cape Town Holiday Inn Express (http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/cape-town/cptst/hoteldetail/).

**TUES 28** Robben Island; National Art Gallery. Group dinner at hotel.

**WED 29** Free Day for independent exploration and visit to District Six Museum or South African Museum (“red bus” ticket included).

**THURS 30** Table Mountain, the University of Cape Town; evening performance at Fugard Theatre if possible.

**FRI 31** Cape of Good Hope, Cape Point, Simon’s Town Penguin Colony, dinner at Marco’s African Place.

**SAT 1 JUNE** Full-Day visit to Fikelela Children’s Home in Khayelitsha Township (or similar service-learning opportunity); group dinner at Royale Eatery.

**SUN 2** Iziko Slave Lodge, Company Gardens.

**MON 3** Early afternoon departure on flight to Johannesburg; evening departure on flight to Des Moines via Atlanta.

**COST**

The finalized cost will not vary by more than $200 from the figures below and depends on the final number of students enrolled:

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**This cost includes:**

- Tuition
- Airfare to/from South Africa
- Airfare between Johannesburg and Cape Town
- Private motor coach for all daily excursions
- All hotels (which are “four star” or above)
- All museum entrance fees
- All game drives in the Kruger Area (professional guides, and gratuities are included)
- Breakfast daily (excepting the 4 self-catered days at Baobab Ridge Lodge)
- 2 lunches and 6 dinners
- Travelers who enroll in the airline’s frequent flyer program also receive over 19,600 frequent flyer miles (just 400 miles shy of a free domestic ticket)

Students will need their own “spending money” for lunch and dinner most days (you can safely budget just $15/day for this), souvenirs, and personal expenses (optional excursions, food/beverage “treats,” toiletries, et cetera).