

Dear students,

Next summer Bolivian Professor Jose Martinez (Quechua) and I will be leading the University of Oregon's 3-week-long *Indigenous Rights and Environmental Justice* study abroad program in Bolivia (<https://geo.uoregon.edu/programs/bolivia/indigenous-rights-and-environmental-justice-in-bolivia>). We'd like to invite you to apply. Scholarships are available. The priority deadline for applications is February 15, which is also the deadline for the Scholarship Essay. We will only be able to take about 14 students, and encourage you to apply as soon as possible. Please check out the new 4 minute video about the program, which includes footage we filmed in Summer 2019: <https://vimeo.com/378907597>

We're very excited to run the program for the second year. It will be a great mix of learning about environmental justice and indigenous rights, working on community-engagement projects prioritized by Guarayo and Chiquitano indigenous peoples, fun activities like viewing wildlife in the Pantanal Wetlands as well as art, dance, music, games and local sports. Professor Martinez and I have collaborated with Chiquitano, Guarayo and other Bolivian indigenous peoples for over 20 years. We are looking for a small group of students who are as adventurous as they are thoughtful. Please feel free to share this message and invite others to apply. International Studies majors can fulfil their [10 week intercultural experience requirement](#) by participating in the program and either interning with a Bolivian organization for several weeks after the program or by working remotely on community projects.

Here is a [link](#) to the website and photo gallery. Also, here is a [Powerpoint](#) presentation with pictures of the study abroad sites, list of possible service learning projects, short videos about Guarayo and MonkoX/Chiquitano indigenous peoples, [community projects](#) carried out in 2019 and course information.

Since the insurance covers the weeks before and after, we highly recommend you tour Bolivia while you're there. Some ideas are wildlife [tours](#) in the Amazon or visiting the world famous [Salar de Uyuni](#) salt flats. We didn't include these visits so as to keep costs down but they certainly are an option.

I'd be happy to connect you with indigenous and non-governmental organizations in Bolivia if you're interested in an internship or the like after the program or just in general. Remote work from the U.S. or wherever you are would be a possibility too. Even if you can't study abroad, all students are invited to collaborate remotely on ongoing community projects with students from the 2019 program through a student organization they founded called [Students for Indigenous Rights and Environmental Justice in Bolivia \(SIREJ\)](#). Here is a slide show about that: [link](#)

If you have any questions, please contact me or Crystal Galarza, the program advisor ([cgalarza@uoregon.edu](mailto:cgalarza@uoregon.edu)).

Thank you for your interest in the program!

Warm regards,

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*BOOK:* ["From Enron to Evo: Pipeline Politics, Global Environmentalism, and Indigenous Rights in Bolivia"](#), University of Arizona Press

*Blog:* [link](#)

*Photostory:* [link](#)

*ANNUAL STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM IN BOLIVIA:* [Indigenous Rights and Environmental Justice in Bolivia](#)

*Program* [video](#)

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