

South Africa is focus of study

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Brevard College will host a series of events and programs concentrating on South Africa this semester, in keeping with the college's focus of study for the 1996-97 academic year, "Encounter Africa." The first of these programs, "Post-Apartheid South Africa: A New Democracy," which was held on Monday, September 30, featured Brevard College's visiting chaplain, Rev. Courtney Sampson of Capetown, South Africa, and Naomi Tutu, Brevard College's Seese instructor of Comparative Studies.

Courtney Sampson is the visiting College Chaplain this semester from Capetown, South Africa and is teaching two sections of Religion. While at Brevard College, Sampson is on leave from his appointment as college chaplain to the University of the Western Cape, where he teaches in the Department of Biblical and Religious Studies.



Naomi Tutu, Seese instructor of Comparative Studies, and Rev. Courtney Sampson are conducting South African programs. South Africa will be the focus of the 1996-97 academic year.

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Prior to coming to the United States in August of 1995, he worked closely with Archbishop Desmond Tutu as the Acting Executive Officer of the Church of the Province of South Africa. He holds a degree in theology from St. Paul's College in Grahamstown, South

Africa, B.A. and M.A. degrees from University of Capetown, South Africa, and a master of theology degree from Emory University.

Until recently, Naomi Tutu was a lecturer in the Department of Educational Leadership at the University

of Connecticut in Storrs, Conn. She has worked for the Equator Advisory Services Limited in Hartford, Conn., as an economist on consulting teams for Equator projects, private clients, and governmental and multilateral agencies in West Africa. She also worked as a consultant for the United States Agency for International Development in Pretoria, South Africa, in 1988, performing research on women's business and professional issues. At the University of Hartford in West Hartford, Conn., she was Visiting Assistant Professor of African-Americans Studies from 1991 until 1993.

Tutu holds a variety of advanced degrees including bachelor's degrees in economics and French from Berea College, a masters of arts degree in international politics and diplomatic affairs from the University of Kentucky, and is pursuing her Ph.D. from the London School of Economics.

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Austria provides memorable experiences

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Exploring different environments and different cultures is what the Austria program provides students. Altmuster, Austria, is the location for the program.

Dr. Laurie McDowell, Ph.D., is head of the program.

Students have had opportunities for several years to attend the program in Austria. "The program began about ten years ago. Between five and nine students have been part of the Program," McDowell stated.

The cost for the program is approximately \$1,000. dollars more than regular tuition; airfare will be provided.

Students may enjoy many experiences during the semester. "Students will learn some of the influential musicians of the area of Austria. Three of the most influential are Hayden, Mozart, and Beethoven," McDowell commented.

Also, students will attend many concerts, cathedrals, and operas. "The area of Austria is very rich in culture," McDowell explained.

Students will be taking 15 hours of classes for the semester: one year of

German, three hours of Humanities 203, alpine hiking and climbing, music history, and private lessons can be arranged for music majors at the world renowned "Mozarteum."

The program will allow students to travel on their own. Destinations are Graz, Klagenfurt, Innsbruck, Bratislave, Munich, and Prague. Students will also be able to visit a former concentration camp.

According to McDowell, the way of life in Austria is very different from the lives of Americans. "In Austria, stores close down in the middle of the day for a break and earlier at night than American stores do. In that sense, the Austrians are more relaxed than most Americans," McDowell said.

Students attending will be fluent enough in German to do many common everyday things. "Within four months, students will be exposed to the language and will be able to go to the bank and grocery store using communications skills learned in the classroom," McDowell commented.

Qualifications for the program are students who have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA, demonstrate working towards

graduation from Brevard College, demonstrate they have the ability to act in a self-disciplined manner, willingness to interact with a foreign culture, and submit a completed application to be considered for the program.

Students are encouraged to apply

for the program. There are still some spots left for students who would like to attend this spring. "This is a great opportunity for students to be influenced by some memorable experiences," McDowell exclaimed.

Austria



Official name: Republic of Austria
Principal Language: German
Principal Religion: Roman Catholicism
Currency: 1 schilling = 100 groschen

