

Lewis & Clark India Program - Fall 2015

Orientation Program



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Meetings: Friday, 4-5 pm (*usually in Howard 243*)

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Goals

- Introduce selected aspects of Indian society, culture, and history.
- Review program logistics.
- Develop a group dynamic of mutual support and non-violent communication methods.
- Discuss practical concerns: clothing, computers, phones, etc.
- Discuss health and safety matters.

Suggested Texts

- "The God of Small Things," by Arundhati Roy (1997)
- "White Tiger," by Aravind Adiga (2008)
- "Midnight's Children," by Salman Rushdie (2006)
- "Travelers Tales: India," edited by James O'Reilly and Larry Habegger

Suggested Films

- Laagan, Directed by Ashutosh Gowariker (2001) *Please keep in mind that Watzek Library has an extensive collection of Indian films available to check out from Professor Fritzman's courses.
- The Lunchbox, Directed by Ritesh Batra (2014)
- Liar's Dice, Directed by Geetu Mohanda (2014)

Spring 2015:

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| Date: 02/0615 Time: 6-8pm | Session One: Overview, Schedule Topics: |
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| Location: Bruce's House | 1-Introductions 2-Fill in Maps 3-Schedule future orientation meetings 4-Q&A, and gathering up questions for future meetings |
| Date: 02/20/2015 Time: 4-5 pm Location: Howard 243 | <u>Sessions Two: Things you should know</u> -Dell talk to group |
| Date: 03/06/2015 Time: 4-5 pm Location: Howard 243 | <u>Session Three: Health and safety</u> -LC Health Services presentation --Introduce group presentations. Themes & pick triads |
| Date: 03/13/2015 Time: 4-5 pm Location: Howard 243 | <u>Session Four: Program Preparations</u> -Group presentations/discussions (1,2,3) -Non-violent communication -Booking flights/travel, pending materials? <i>HW: Develop questions for next session with alums</i> |
| Date: 03/31/15 Time: 3:30-5:00pm Location: Stamm | Overseas Pre-departure Meeting - All Fall and Full-year participants Stamm - Templeton |
| Date: 04/03/2015 Time: 4-5 pm Location: Howard 243 | <u>Sessions Five: Living in India</u> -Questions for students: Speak with students from previous India program (Fall 2013) -Technology: laptops, cell phones, etc. -Mundane details: taxis, buses, money -General Health & Safety - Living in India as a woman |
| Date: 04/17/2015 Time: 4-5 pm Location: Howard 243 | <u>Session Six: Final Logistics</u> -Group presentations/discussions (4,5,6,7) -Discuss travel ideas, research ideas -Housing -Word press overview (Jim) |
| Date: 05/01/2015 | Indian food in class – John Fritzman talk on Bollywood |

Possible Themes: Groups of 3

Gender Relations
Food/agriculture
History
Sports traditions
Religion/ Mythology
Language/Regionalism
Politics
Music/Dance
Environment