

# PIER- CLAIS 2010 Summer Institute for Educators

Ecuador Field Study:

“Indigenous Peoples and Cultures of Ecuador”

Dates: July 11-22, 2010; Program fee: \$1350 (Total cost \$2041-\$3041)



You are cordially invited to participate in the PIER-CLAIS Summer Institute for Educators on *Ecuador: Land of Diversity*. Educators who wish to participate in the international field study *The Indigenous Peoples and Cultures of Ecuador* are strongly encouraged to participate in the New Haven portion of the Institute for adequate background knowledge of the region.

The Ecuador field study will be based in Quito, the nation’s capital, and will concentrate on indigenous cultures and peoples of Ecuador, especially the issues facing the indigenous populations today. Diversity of various groups will also be highlighted. The field study will include some lectures by university faculty as well as more experiential learning, including an orientation to the city, visits of museums and other attractions, a visit to the equator, meetings with the Runatupari community, the Afro-Ecuadorian community of Chota, and a visit to the town of Otavalo (which is famous for its indigenous crafts market), and other daytrips.

Please carefully review the attached registration form, complete, sign and send appropriate portions back to Elena Serapiglia (mailing address is at the end of the application).

Preference will be given to applicants who are currently employed teachers who have shown concrete plans to utilize the field study experience in their own classrooms. Preference will also be given to applicants who attend the New Haven portion of the Summer Institute.

**PIER-CLAIS Summer Institute for Educators- 2010**  
**Completed Application due by April 15, 2010.**  
**Applications received after this date may not be considered for acceptance.**  
**Summer Institute/ Field Study Application**

Participants will be notified of their acceptance into the field study by May 1, 2010.

**Summer Institute Application- Field Study Portion**

**Part I. Contact Information**

A. Name/ Address/ Phone/ Email

Name: Address:  Phone: Email:
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B. Please complete the PIER common application located at:

<http://www.yale.edu/macmillan/pier/institutes.htm>

C. Have you participated in past PIER programs? (Yes/No)

If yes, which one(s)?

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If yes, how have you incorporated Summer Institute content into your classroom teaching?  
How have PIER programs helped your professional development?

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**Part II. Travel documentation**

A. Do you have a US passport valid through July 22, **2011**? (Yes/No)

If yes, passport number is:

**Please include a copy of your passport photo page**

B. Will you be traveling on a passport issued by another country? If yes, please complete the box below.

Country: Passport number: Expiration Date:
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**Please include a copy of your passport photo page, and of your visa page (if needed).** It is your responsibility to check on visa requirements and to obtain the visa if you carry a non-US passport.

**Part III. Program Fees- the price of the field study will be \$1350.\***

<b><u>Program fee includes:</u></b>	<b><u>Expenses NOT covered:</u></b>
-Lodging nights of July 11-21, 2010 -Almost all meals -Ground transportation within Ecuador for group activities - Airport transportation in Ecuador for those taking the group flight -All program activities and related fees -Trip leader(s) and guide(s) - Gratuities for program-related events and activities	- Roundtrip flight to and from Quito, Ecuador (airport code UIO- Mariscal Sucre Airport). Participants will make their own travel arrangements, but <b>MUST</b> be ready to meet with the group at <b>all times</b> between Monday morning (7/12/10) and Wednesday night (7/21/10). <sup>†</sup> - Roundtrip transportation to and from JFK airport (or other home airport) - Some meals (dinners on 7/15, 7/16, 7/19, and 7/20) - Personal expenses like snacks and entertainment, souvenirs, optional gratuities

\* Please see last page for an estimated total cost of the program. **Single supplement is an additional \$300.**

<sup>†</sup> By booking your own flight, you can decide the price and schedule of your flight. You can also decide to stay in Ecuador, or to travel through other parts of Latin America after the conclusion of the field study.

**Travel Commitments and Expectations:**

- Be sure you have a passport (and **visa** if necessary) that is valid for six months from the end date of the program.
- Make sure that your health insurance offers coverage abroad
- Participate in the pre-departure orientation at Yale University (which will take place during the New Haven portion of the Summer Institute). An orientation packet will be provided to participants upon receipt of your deposit, with more information on what to bring, etc.
- Bring a camera and a journal, and be prepared to make good use of both!
- Understand cultural differences in various Ecuadorian contexts.
- Be an active participant in the group context and to respect the group's interests and itinerary.
- Actively collect materials and engage in discussions to develop lesson plans or conference presentations.

**Part 3. Health Information**

This information is required in case of emergency. Confidentiality is assured.

**Please provide the following emergency information on emergency contacts:**

NAME: RELATIONSHIP: ADDRESS: PHONE (home): PHONE (work):
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<b>Health care provider:</b> NAME: PHONE: Health Insurance Company Name and Policy # ( <i>Please confirm that your coverage extends outside the U.S.</i> )
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**Medications and allergies:**

Are you currently taking any medications? (If yes, please list them)
Do you have any allergies? ( <i>To medications, food, insects, etc.</i> )? (If yes, please list them)
Have you been treated for a medical problem in the past 5 years? (If yes, please list them)

*(please sign above or include e-signature)*

I understand that I am traveling to Ecuador, as part of the Yale/PIER field study trip, am responsible for my health and well being, and I have taken the necessary health examinations and precautions to guarantee, to the best of my knowledge, a healthy participation from my part.

**Part 4. Application Questions for the field study**

**Please answer each question concisely and completely.**

1) What do you hope to gain from this learning experience in Ecuador? How will you incorporate your knowledge into your classroom teaching/ work experience? (Feel free to include a specific lesson plan proposal.)

2) Do you have experience traveling abroad? To Latin America? To Ecuador? If so, please describe your travel experiences.

3) What do you expect from this field study?

4) Describe an experience that has challenged your preconceived notions about another culture. What did you learn from the experience?

5) Have you ever been involved in *group travel* before? If so, what did you like and dislike about it? If not, what are some of the positive and negative aspects you foresee?

6) What is your level of flexibility? For example, if and when the trip itinerary changes abroad, how would you adapt to these changes?

7) Do you speak Spanish? If so, what is your level of fluency? (Please note that you do NOT have to speak Spanish to take part in this field study although some basic conversational skills will certainly add to the experience.)

8) Do you have any health issues that might affect your level of participation in group activities? For example: Is your mobility limited? Do you have food allergies or a very specific diet that you must follow? Do you have problems in extreme heat or cold? Are you currently taking any medications? ***Can you walk approximately 5 miles each day?*** (This field study will involve a great deal of walking and much of it will take place in HIGH ALTITUDES.)

9) Are you interested in presenting the lessons that you produce? This may include a presentation through PIER, or at another conference, such as COLT or CCSS.

**Other requirements:**

- Letter of reference from supervisor (1 page)\*
- Letter of reference from colleague (1 page)\*
- Current CV and/or résumé if available\*
- In some cases, a brief phone interview may be required. You will be contacted if this is necessary.

\*If you have submitted the letters of reference of résumé to PIER-Latin America in the last 2 years (for Buenos Aires or Washington, DC trips), you are not required to do so again. Please make a note on your application or via email if this is the case.

**Part 5. Payment Procedure for the Field Study**

Once you have been **accepted** as a member of this field study, please submit a nonrefundable **\$500 deposit** with your completed registration form **by May 1, 2010** in order to secure a spot on the trip. You will be notified of your remaining balance upon receipt of this registration form. At this point, you should also book your flight. (If you are accepted earlier, you should book your flight earlier.)

Please submit the remaining balance by **June 1, 2010**.

**Please make your deposit check out to Yale University.**

**Mail your deposit check and your registration form to Elena Gibbons Serapiglia at the mailing address below:**

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about the trip!

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PO Box 208206  
New Haven, CT 06520-8206  
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**Information at a glance:**

**Application Timeline**

- April 15, 2010- Completed application due
- May 1, 2010- Applicants notified of acceptance
- After May 1, 2010- Applicants should make travel arrangements. Everyone will be informed of the group flight leaving from JFK. (Group flight will be on a US carrier and will be chosen based on flight times and price.)
- May 1, 2010- \$500 deposit due (+ \$300 for those requiring a single supplement for lodging)
- June 1, 2010- Balance (\$850) and flight information due
- July 6-9, 2010- Summer Institute (New Haven portion), which will include a pre-departure meeting (either during a lunch break or after 5pm)
- July 11-22, 2010- (including travel days) Field Study in Ecuador
- July 22, 2010- Evaluation forms due (required for CEUs)

**Application Checklist**

- Completed PIER common application for New Haven portion of institute
  - o <http://www.yale.edu/macmillan/pier/institutes.htm>
- Completed PIER-Latin America application for field study
  - o <http://www.yale.edu/macmillan/pier/institutes.htm>
- Copy of passport (can be scanned and emailed or mailed)
- Supervisor reference letter (1 page)\*
- Colleague reference letter (1 page)\*
- Résumé or CV (1 page)\*

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**Approximate total cost**

- Program fee (\$1350)
- Single supplement (\$300)
- Flight (estimated \$400-\$850, group flight from NYC is approx. \$650)
- Airport tax (when leaving Ecuador for the US)- approx. \$41 **to be paid in cash**
- Spending money for some meals, incidentals, and souvenirs (\$200-\$500)
- Total: \$2041 - \$3041 (depending on spending money, flight, and single supplement)

**Some people will spend significantly more and others will spend very little. For budgeting, keep your own spending habits in mind.**