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JSU Passport to the World Program **Paris, France Study Abroad Program**

Under the stewardship of Dr. Ricardo Brown
Dean for the College of Public Service,
Instructor Sherita Tompkins (pictured below)



for the Undergraduate School of Social Work
developed a new faculty led study abroad
course for the first time in the school's history.

“In our increasingly interconnected world and global economy, the opportunity to study abroad is a valuable experience. Many of our students have not traveled outside of the State of Mississippi. Therefore, providing the opportunity for some of our students in Social Work to travel to Paris and explore how their social service networks impact Parisians is invaluable.”
- Dean Brown

This program offered 14 students the opportunity to study abroad in Paris, France through the gracious scholarship opportunities given by President Carolyn Myers, with the assistance of Dr. Priscilla Slade and CIEE. The course focused on Value Systems and Cultural Anomalies conducted from May 27-June 24, 2015. This course provides students with a framework for understanding social justice, race, class, and gender, along with ethnicity, religion, and privileges abroad in other countries. Students are taught to develop critical thinking skills, engage in culturally sensitive practice, and advocate for social, economic, and political justice. This Human Diversity and Social Justice Study Abroad course also was developed with two weeks abroad and two weeks of online content once the students return to campus.

”It was important to offer this course to students to develop critical thinkers and future global leaders either on a local or international level. Most students will never leave the States for many reasons but because of Jackson State University Passport to the World and the School of Social Work faculty-led program our students will have that opportunity. I am elated to be a part of this experience and grateful to all who contributed. ” -
Instructor Sherita Tompkins

Paris offered some of the greatest sites in the world: Notre Dame Cathedral, the Arc de Triomphe (pictured below),



the Louvre, and the Eiffel Tower to name a few. Its famous museum and galleries display a vast wealth of artifacts that continue to both inspire and challenge artists and observers. The co-curricular activities examine and develop an awareness of the students own value systems in relation to diverse population groups. Students participating in this experience will have what it takes to be future global leaders and develop diversity skills to last a lifetime.

“It takes a really brave individual to step out of their comfort zone and experience a whole new way of living. This study abroad experience humbled me in ways that I never thought I would have imagined. I now appreciate life a whole lot better.”

– Shameca Dotson, Senior Social Work Major

(Jackson State Social Work student Shameca Dotson pictured on the right below)



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