Layim Tehi Tuma: Thinking Together

2024
Dalun, Ghana
8 weeks from June 3 – July 26

2 weeks of virtual academic, community, and travel orientation; 6 weeks in Ghana

ABOUT THE SUMMER PROGRAM

LTT sustains a platform for collaborative thinking through a braid of:

- internships within community-powered organizations
- students’ personal inquiry research
- critical language and cultural arts engagement
- student leadership committees, including Black is Beautiful, Wellness, & Communications
- engagement with Black studies and study
- Regional excursions/tours
- Ongoing community building and reflection

In this way, LTT works in feeling and furtherance of education as community and grassroots organizing from a place of abundance and vision. Thinking together to co-create liberatory education centered by Black Studies engages questions of history, culture, race, class, gender, and identity; of language, colonialism, nationality, and post-coloniality; and of the discourses of development.

2024 INTERNSHIPS

Fellows work in one of the internships listed below and also support each other’s work in internships:

**Titagya Schools** ([titagya schools.org](http://titagya schools.org)): Early Childhood Education
In this internship, fellows assist in prekindergarten or kindergarten classrooms, collaborate on curriculum units, and assist with special initiatives. They also learn and think together about the workings of a transnational NGO.

**Simli Radio: Community Radio Projects**
In this internship, fellows learn about the work and reach of Northern Ghana’s only community radio station, co-create content and programming and think together about the roles of radio and other media in rural communities.
Dalun ICT Centre: Community and Computer-based Learning

In this internship with the Dalun community’s central site for computers and information technology, fellows assist in classes and work on projects to foster and think together about digital literacy to serve the Dalun community’s goals.

Funding

This fellowship includes funding for primary expenses associated with program participation, including travel, room, and board. As part of the fellowship, Bryn Mawr students will receive a stipend of $1500 to support costs associated with airport transport, ground transportation in Ghana, food beyond the scheduled group meals in Ghana, local cell phone and data costs, and contingency funds.

Eligibility & Qualifications:
- LTT is open to students after 1 year of undergraduate study (in good standing).
- The selection committee favors applications that show active engagement with education and Africana studies, in a wide range of ways, as well as successful experience doing work incorporating both individual initiative and collaboration.

Partnership Application & Selection Process:
- Detailed application instructions are administered by students’ respective sponsoring institution.
- Applicants should express a preference for working at one of the sites listed above, although sometimes these preferences shift once the team is in place.
- Selected applicants will be contacted for an interview.
- All application materials are due in February, 2024 (specific dates set by each participating institution).

For More Information and Advice:
- Before applying, please visit the Layim Tehi Tuma website. Interested students can contact past LTT fellows with questions.
- For more information, contact LTT Co-Directot and Professor Alice Lesnick (alesnick@brynmawr.edu). For questions regarding the application and selection process, please contact your respective institution’s LTT point person.

From the start, Lagim Tehi Tuma has always been about widening, and sometimes shattering, the lens from which we view ourselves and others, and much of that work can only be done in continuing dialogue and actions around race, class, power, and community. I have had the privilege to play many roles in this project over the years and what keeps my heart invested is its unwavering commitment and desire to adapt to the needs and wants of all communities involved. To me, Lagim Tehi Tuma is not a summer trip, but an exemplary lifetime project of international community building. — Esteniolla Maitre, BMC ‘14, LTT ‘13