

# NUR562/WST362 - Walking the Truth: Culture, Gender & HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa

## July 4—18, 2009

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### Course Description

This broad-based interdisciplinary course explores the influence of culture and gender on the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Sub-Saharan Africa. Women's collective and individual efforts to preserve the health of their families and communities are highlighted as hopeful and positive responses to the HIV/AIDS crisis in Sub-Saharan Africa.

### Experiences & Objectives

Seminars, service learning experiences, critical reflection, and dialogue foster learning and professional and personal growth. Opportunities are provided to:

*Increase understanding of etiology and epidemiology of HIV/AIDS in Africa.*

*Compare and contrast socio-cultural, theological, biomedical, and political responses to HIV/AIDS*

*Critically examine the psychological and behavioral functions of sex/gender roles.*

*Analyze how feminist scholarship in Africa and women's activism are aligned with health.*

*Examine commonalities in the rise of HIV/AIDS in-*



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### Faculty

- Maqdeline Aagard, RN, EdD, Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Nursing, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN,
- Karin Beytell, RN, Coordinator, Professional Affairs, Hlth Professions Councils of Namibia
- Pandu Hailonga-van Dyk, RN, PhD, Assist., Representative, UN Population Fund, Namibia

### Location

Namibia is home to over 2 million people representing 11 cultural groups. English is the official language and since Independence in 1990, Namibia has pursued a policy of national reconciliation that has maintained peace and allowed democracy to flourish.



### Course credit

Four graduate or undergraduate semester credit hours or one graduate or undergraduate course credit

### Costs

- In-country expenses: \$1965 (Covers lodging, transportation within Namibia, most meals, and all arrangements, In-country expenses are subject to fluctuations in currency exchange rates.)
- Summer school tuition: \$1625
- Airfare: \$2200 - \$2500 (Estimated.)
- Immunizations & Passports: Students are responsible for required immunizations for travel to northern Namibia & passports that are valid for one year at time of travel.
- Participating in the practicum without enrolling in a course: Persons who are not enrolled in a course will be charged a practicum fee of \$860 in addition to the in-country expenses and air-fare.

**Information Session:  
Thursday, February 5, 2009  
Noon—1 p.m.  
Oren Gateway 114**

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