

“Cuba: 1898 to the Present” Course and Trip – Spring 2013

Carol Hendrickson and Kate Ratcliff

Tuesdays/Thursday 11:30-12:50

Spring Break Trip to Havana: exact dates to be determined but 8-10 days in mid-March

Participant Application Form

Note: Applications are due electronically to Carol and Kate by noon on November 12.

E-mail your application with the subject heading “Cuba application” to ch@marlboro.edu and ratcliff@marlboro.edu. We are also asking you to submit **two letters of recommendation**. (See separate forms.)

Our goal is to announce decisions via email by November 20. We are anticipating accepting 8 students with 2 alternates.

Name:

Class Standing as of Fall 2012 (e.g. SO1):

Please take some time replying to these questions. We are looking for thoughtful answers clearly written (not something that you can put together in a few minutes).

I. Write one or more paragraphs to address the following questions:

- Why do you want to participate in this class and travel to Cuba?
- Each student will conduct research while in Havana. If you have particular interests at this point, what are they?
- Do you speak any Spanish? If “yes,” please give us some indication of your level.
- What other skills (beyond the possibility of Spanish) would you bring to the group as a whole?
- How do you imagine this course and travel will contribute to your studies at Marlboro?

II. Please write brief responses to the following questions:

1. How will you prepare yourself to deal with the demands of very little privacy, the possibility of extreme heat and physical exertion (we anticipate a good deal of walking each day), and a very different code of etiquette? If you are a vegetarian, how will you deal with situations in which there is little or no vegetarian food available to you? How would you cope with an itinerary that does not necessarily suit your personal interests at all times?

2. Do you have any medical concerns that will need to be addressed during our preparations for travel or during the trip? If you were to need medical attention on the trip, would you have any objections to being treated by a local doctor or with drugs such as antibiotics or Immodium?

3. What previous travel experiences have you had? Have you ever lived or traveled under difficult circumstances? Have you had many intercultural experiences? Please explain how you plan to cultivate meaningful encounters with people who may not speak the same language as you and come from a vastly different cultural background.

4. How intense is your planned workload for the Spring 2013 semester? Will you be able to accommodate this class taking into consideration that during your Spring Break you will be occupied a good deal of the time?

5. Is there anything else you would like us to know and would help in our decision?