Tanzania Field Seminar
An Exploration with Stanford Students
September 7 to 23, 2017

“Susan and Bill were amazing and complementary in their expertise and skills.”

—Kay Sprinkel Grace, ’59, MA ’75, Tanzania Field Seminar, 2011
There is something truly inspiring about traveling with a multi-generational group. Ideas are shared, bonds are forged and lifelong memories are made. Twenty-five years ago our Field Seminar program was created—the concept was a natural: pair Stanford sophomores with Stanford alumni for an educational travel experience neither group would ever forget. Our Field Seminar is led by Bill Durham, ’71, who shares his passion for biology and love of teaching with our group, and is further enhanced by the sophomore students who give on-site presentations. Don’t miss this rare opportunity to be part of a trip that is steeped in learning and discovery from start to finish. We hope you’ll join us!

RELIVE your time on the farm with two days on campus at Stanford, hearing lectures from Professor Durham.

MARVEL at views of Mt. Kilimanjaro and Mt. Meru—the highest and fifth-highest peaks in Africa, respectively—in Arusha National Park.

WATCH zebras, wildebeest and elephants as they congregate along the banks of the Tarangire River.

VISIT a Maasai village in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and learn about the villagers’ way of life.
Faculty Leaders

Professor William Durham, ’71, former director of human biology and chair of anthropology in Stanford’s School of Humanities and Sciences, is an innovative researcher and teacher. His primary interests are ecology and evolution, the interactions of genetic and cultural change in human populations, and the challenges to conservation and community development in the tropics, especially the Amazon and the Galápagos. Professor Durham believes that educational travel with students is an enriching experience in and of itself. As he explains to Field Seminar participants, “As an alum, you will share in the wonder, awe and excitement of the discoveries of the undergraduates. Traveling with the students energizes everyone and adds enormously to the fun and educational value of these trips.”

- Joined the Stanford University faculty in 1977
- Currently the Bing Professor in Human Biology and the Yang and Yamazaki University Fellow
- Recipient of the Bing Fellow Award and a MacArthur Prize Fellowship

Also joining the trip as co-faculty leader is Susan Charnley, PhD ’94. Susan is a research social scientist with the USDA Forest Service’s Pacific Northwest Research Station in Portland, Oregon. As an environmental anthropologist with a PhD in anthropology from Stanford, she has focused her research on natural resource use and management among rural producers, and the institutions needed to promote sustainable livelihoods and healthy ecosystems. Susan works mainly in forest and ranching/herding communities in the western United States and in East and West Africa.

Itinerary

Thursday, September 7
Home / Stanford University, Stanford, California, U.S.
Meet Field Seminar staff, students and travelers on campus this evening during a special welcome reception, orientation and dinner. (D)

Friday & Saturday, September 8 & 9
Stanford University
Join Professor Durham and Dr. Charnley on campus for morning and afternoon lectures and discussions on key aspects of land use and conservation in Tanzania. (B,L—BOTH DAYS)

Sunday & Monday, September 10 & 11
Depart U.S. / Kilimanjaro International Airport, Tanzania / Arusha
Depart from San Francisco on overnight flights, arriving in Tanzania in the late evening of the following day. Upon arrival, transfer to our hotel in Arusha, northern Tanzania’s safari capital.
ARUSHA HOTEL (9/11: D)
Tuesday, September 12
Arusha / Arusha National Park
After breakfast, attend a safari briefing before traveling to Arusha National Park to partake in game drives and a picnic lunch in the park. This evening, join students and fellow travelers for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner at our hotel. ARUSHA HOTEL (B,L,D)

Wednesday & Thursday, September 13 & 14
Tarangire National Park
Following breakfast at our hotel on Wednesday, drive to the Tarangire Safari Lodge, which will be our home for the next two nights. Our days here afford us opportunities for game drives in the mornings and afternoons, stopping most days for a picnic lunch, and, in the evenings, listening as the students present their research. Both nights after dinner there’s time to relax at our lodge, which overlooks the Tarangire River. TARANGIRE SOPA LODGE (B,L,D—BOTH DAYS)

Friday, September 15
Tarangire / Lake Manyara National Park
After breakfast and a final game drive in Tarangire National Park, continue to the Kirurumu Tarangire Lodge, situated on the boundary of the park and on the access road to camp which passes through Maasai village land. Enjoy lunch before visiting small, traditional-style thatched Maasai *bomas* (Maasai family homesteads) surrounded by thorn fences to keep livestock protected from predators, then meet a group of Maasai people and visit a school there before traveling to Kirurumu Manyara Lodge, our home for the next two nights, set on the edge of the Great Rift Valley above Lake Manyara. KIRURUMU MANYARA LODGE (B,L,D)

Saturday, September 16
Lake Manyara National Park
This morning, drive to Lake Manyara National Park for wildlife viewing from our 4x4 vehicles. Enjoy a picnic lunch in the park before driving up the Great Rift Valley escarpment late in the afternoon. Following students’ presentations, enjoy a leisurely dinner and some after-dinner unwinding at our lodge this evening. KIRURUMU MANYARA LODGE (B,L,D)

Sunday & Monday, September 17 & 18
Great Rift Valley / Ngorongoro Conservation Area
After breakfast at our lodge on Sunday, join our Maasai guides for a walking tour along the Great Rift Valley escarpment. Our walk concludes with a visit to a settlement of *bomas* before we return to our lodge for lunch. This afternoon, depart for the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and check in to our lodge, where we stay the next two nights, before taking a guided walk in the Ngorongoro Highlands in the early evening. On Monday, enjoy a full day of game viewing in the Ngorongoro Crater—on the one day of the week when it’s accessible. NGORONGORO SOPA LODGE (B,L,D—BOTH DAYS)

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, September 19, 20 & 21
Olduvai Gorge / Serengeti National Park / Maasai Mara Game Reserve
After breakfast on Tuesday morning, drive to the Olduvai Gorge in the Serengeti Plains to visit the museum there. Continue through Serengeti National Park, stopping along the way to enjoy a picnic lunch. This afternoon, arrive at our lodge, our home for the next three nights. Our days focus on game drives and wildlife viewing, while, in the evenings, we enjoy student presentations before dinner. On our last night here, gather for a farewell cocktail reception before dinner to celebrate our African adventure. SERENGETI SOPA LODGE (B,L,D—ALL 3 DAYS)
Friday & Saturday, September 22 & 23
Seronera / Arusha / Kilimanjaro International Airport / U.S.
On Friday morning after breakfast, we partake in one final game drive on our way to the Seronera airstrip, where we catch a flight to Arusha and have lunch at a local restaurant before availing ourselves of day rooms at the Arusha Hotel. Enjoy an afternoon of relaxing here before heading to the Kilimanjaro International Airport for our overnight flights to the U.S., arriving back home on Saturday. ARUSHA HOTEL—DAY ROOMS (9/22: B,L,D)

About the Parks

Arusha National Park
The closest national park to the town of Arusha, Arusha National Park is a multifaceted jewel, often overlooked by safari-goers. The park offers us the opportunity to explore a beguiling diversity of habitats within a few hours. The entrance gate leads into shaded mountain forest inhabited by inquisitive blue monkeys and colorful turacos and trogons—the only place on the northern safari circuit where the acrobatic black-and-white colobus monkey can be easily seen. In the midst of the forest looms the spectacular Ngurdoto Crater, whose steep, rocky cliffs enclose a wide marshy floor dotted with herds of buffalo and warthog.

Further north in the park, rolling grassy hills enclose the tranquil beauty of the Momela Lakes, each one a different hue of green or blue. With their shallows sometimes tinged pink with thousands of flamingos, the lakes support a rich selection of resident and migrant waterfowl, and shaggy waterbucks display their large lyre-shaped horns on the watery fringes. Giraffes glide across the grassy hills among grazing zebra herds, while pairs of wide-eyed dik-diks dart into scrubby bush. Leopards and spotted hyenas may be seen slinking around in the early morning and late afternoon. At dusk and dawn the veil of clouds on the eastern horizon is most likely to clear, revealing the majestic snow-capped peaks of Kilimanjaro, a mere 30 miles away.

Tarangire National Park
Part of an ecosystem of about 9,650 square miles, the park itself is a little over 1,000 square miles and supports a large population of elephants numbering about 3,000. Many zebras and wildebeests congregate on the seasonal Tarangire River, especially in the dry seasons from about June to the end of October and again from January to March. Wildlife viewing along the river presents endless opportunities to see families of elephants coming down to drink, with youngsters often playing and cavorting in the cooling stream under the watchful eyes of their mothers.

Lake Manyara National Park
This small, yet diverse, park at the base of the Great Rift Valley not far from Tarangire National Park, is located on the route to Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti. Topographically unmatched for its great contrasts of lake and plains, Lake Manyara National Park is home to large flocks of flamingo, with pelicans and yellow-billed storks nesting in the lush forest canopy and feeding in the delta where the lake meets the Kirurumu River. The elephants in the park are unusually approachable and have been known to pass within a few feet of a car; in fact, the park was established specifically to protect the elephant herds that have made this area world-renowned. The forest is home to many primates including large troops of baboons and blue monkeys that are fascinating to watch. Although it is one of Tanzania’s smaller wildlife enclaves, Lake Manyara National Park is a spectacular reserve that boasts an incredible diversity of terrain, as well as plant and animal species.
The Ngorongoro Conservation Area
The Ngorongoro Crater, home to up to 20,000 mammals, is the largest intact caldera in the world, providing one of the most breathtaking views in the natural world, with its backdrop of volcanoes and its floor teeming with thousands of animals. Here it is not unusual to see all of “The Big Five” (the elephant, lion, cape buffalo, leopard and rhino) in a single morning.

Serengeti National Park and Maasai Mara Game Reserve
The world-famous Serengeti National park, where more than 2 million mammals dwell, is the scene of an annual migration, a movement of more than 1.5 million animals in a never-ending journey in search of the best pasture and access to precious water. There are 95 species of mammals and more than 500 species of birds in the ecosystem. The vast Serengeti is made up of plains in the south and west and the northern and western woodlands that pass into the open plains of the Maasai Mara. Two main river systems—the Mara River in Kenya and the seasonal Grumeti River in Tanzania—provide life-giving sustenance and are crossed and recrossed each year during the great migrations.

What to Expect
This journey through Tanzania explores some extremely remote places. Travelers can expect an expedition experience in the truest sense of the word, where new discoveries are accompanied by changing conditions, which may necessitate variations to the itinerary. For this reason, participants will need to travel with a spirit of adventure and flexibility in the face of unexpected changes. The open-air safari vehicles that are used for game drives can be dusty and somewhat bumpy. Some days require early-morning starts. We often have a full schedule of excursions, lectures and special events. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

Information

DATES
September 7 to 23, 2017 (17 days)

SIZE
This program is limited to 28 alumni participants and 14 Stanford sophomores.

COST*
$ 8,295 per person, double occupancy
$ 8,995 per person, single occupancy
*Association nonmembers add $300 per person.
INCLUDED

- 2 nights of hotel accommodations; day rooms on 9/22
- 9 nights of deluxe safari lodge accommodations
- 13 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 13 dinners
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions
- Bottled water on excursions
- Gratuities to porters, guides and drivers for all group activities
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Transfers and baggage handling on 9/11 and 9/22
- Flight from Seronera to Arusha on 9/22
- Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

NOT INCLUDED

- International and U.S. domestic airfare
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Hotel accommodations in Palo Alto for the nights of 9/7, 9/8 and 9/9
- Independent and private transfers
- Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

AIR ARRANGEMENTS
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare between San Francisco and Kilimanjaro International Airport, Tanzania, starts at approximately $1,850 as of October 2016 and is subject to change without notice. Information about recommended flights will be sent with confirmation documents.

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DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT
A $1,000 per-person deposit is required to hold your space. Complete and return the attached reservation form or sign up online at www.stanfordalumni.org/trip?fieldseminar2017. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.
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ELIGIBILITY
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