Tulane University’s Stone Center for Latin American Studies and the Center for Public Service invite you to participate in a unique Summer Program on the U.S.-Mexican border. Located specifically on the El Paso/Ciudad Juárez border, the program will focus on issues of justice and injustice as it affects marginalized populations in this border region. The main feature of this program is the combination of academic study with intensive community service.

**Housing and Meals**

During their stay on the border, students live with pre-screened families either in El Paso or in Ciudad Juárez, with whom they also share their meals. Homestays provide an opportunity for a unique learning experience by allowing students to participate more fully in daily life on the border. Because the border is a bilingual region, students can generally function in either English or Spanish, depending on their foreign language skills and preferences. On the one hand, students who live with families in Ciudad Juárez are immersed in a Spanish-speaking environment that will undoubtedly help improve their foreign language skills. On the other hand, students who live in El Paso may live with a Spanish-speaking family or with a family that has Spanish-speaking relatives on either side of the border. The homestay includes two meals daily, laundry service, and some program-related transportation.

**Academic and Community Service Program**

The academic program is fully committed to the Service Learning model of education. This means that all students participating in the program will engage in a substantive community service project that is directly linked to an academic course. Through the community service project, students will not only be providing invaluable assistance to their community partners, but will also acquire an experience that will enhance their classroom learning. The 3-credit academic course is LAST 396 “Border Studies” and will require meeting daily, Monday through Friday, from 8-10am. After the morning class, students will then proceed to their community service partnering agencies where they will work for 5-6 hours. For the community service portion of their program, students will register for a 3-credit public service internship. Both the LAST 396 “Border Studies” course and the additional 3-credit public service internship can fulfill the first-tier or second-tier public service graduation requirement.

**Costs of the Program**

The cost of the four-week program is $3,200, which includes:

- Six Tulane University Undergraduate Credits
- Housing accommodations with a local family
- Two meals daily with the family
- Some program-related transportation**
- Supplemental medical insurance
- Tulane-sponsored social outings and events

**Airfare is not included in the cost of the program and must be purchased separately by each individual student.**
Applying to the Program

University students interested in applying to the program must be in good academic standing and have at least a current cumulative grade point average of 2.5. Two letters of recommendation are required. Students are also required to submit a current transcript with their application. Complete application (which includes the application form, a transcript, and two recommendations) and a $200 non-refundable deposit are due by 5:00pm on March 31, 2008, in the Stone Center’s Summer Program Coordination Office located in the Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute in the Caroline Richardson Building of the uptown campus. Once completed applications have been submitted, students will be contacted by the Border Justice Program Director, Prof. James Huck, to schedule a brief interview to discuss their application and interest in the program.

Tulane students seeking loans to cover costs of this program should make early, specific arrangements with the Financial Aid Office, being sure to indicate that they are seeking a loan for a SUMMER PROGRAM. All students who will be receiving Financial Aid are still individually responsible for submitting payment for the full program price directly to the Stone Center (via the Summer Program Coordination Office in the Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute) for payment. The indication of an available balance in a student’s Accounts Receivable balance will not be sufficient; the student must still produce a check/money order/credit card payment for the full amount due to the program.

Additional pre-printed applications are available at the Stone Center for Latin American Studies office in 100 Jones Hall or at SCLAS Summer Program Coordination office in the Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute in Caroline Richardson Hall. Or download electronic applications by visiting http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/html/International.htm#Summer or request one via email by contacting Natalia Porto at nporto@tulane.edu.

Passport and Visa

The Stone Center for Latin American Studies requires all students to possess a valid passport in order to participate in this program. For information on applying for a passport (U.S. citizens), please visit the U.S. State Department web site at http://travel.state.gov/.

For more information, please, contact Professor James D. Huck, Jr, the Border Justice Program Director at:

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

to the Tulane Border Justice 2008 Program

JULY 20 – AUGUST 16, 2008

A. All application materials must be submitted directly to the following address by MARCH 31, 2008, 5:00 P.M.

SCLAS Summer Program Coordination Office
Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute
Caroline Richardson Hall
Tulane University
New Orleans, LA 70118
TEL 504 862-8629
FAX 504 862-8678
EMAIL npporto@tulane.edu

B. Please review the checklist before submitting your application for the program and sign the following:

Enclosed are the following documents:

_____ Completed Application Form (including Statement of Purpose)
_____ Recommendation Forms (2)
_____ Current Official Academic Transcript
_____ Application Fee of $200 (check or money order payable to Tulane University)

I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure the delivery of any documents missing at the current time in order for my application to be considered. I also understand that application fee of $200 is non-refundable. I understand that I must pay the program balance upon acceptance into the program.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: ____________________________________________
PRINT NAME: _______________________________________________________
DATE: __________________________________________________________________

Application Forms for Border Justice 2008
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (last, first): ______________________________________________________________
Social Security Number: ___________________________ Date of Birth: ________________
Passport Number: _________________________ Passport Expiration Date: _____________
Issuing Country of Passport: ____________________________________________________
Current Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________
City: ________________________________ State: ___________ Zip: ___________________
Current Phone Number: _____________________________ Valid Until: ________________
Current Email Address: _____________________________ Valid Until: ________________

Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________________________________
Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________________
City: _________________________________   State: _________   Zip: __________________
Phone Number: _________________________ Fax or Email: __________________________

If your parent/guardian is a Tulane employee, will you be paying for the program through the
Tulane Tuition Waiver Program? Not applicable Yes No

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

If you are a Tulane student, what school are you at? ________________________________
If not a Tulane student, which university do you attend? _____________________________
What is your cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) as of the Fall 2007 semester?_____ (if you are not on a 4.0 scale, please provide an explanation of the system at your school)
What is (are) your major(s)? __________________________________________________
What is (are) your minor(s)? _________________________________________________
How many semesters do you have left to graduate? ________________________________
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(cont.)

Have you previously studied Spanish?  yes  no
If yes, please elaborate on number of Spanish courses taken and at which level.

____________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________

Have you previously participated in a study abroad program?  yes  no
If yes, please identify the program name, country, and date of participation
____________________________________________________________________________

Please provide the names of the two people submitting letters of recommendation:
1._______________________________________________
2._______________________________________________

Statement of Purpose:
Please describe, in one paragraph, why you are applying to this program. Be sure to include your interests in the topics presented in the course work: Latin American Studies, Community Development, Social Justice, Spanish, etc.
RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMISSION

to the Tulane Border Justice 2008 Program

STUDENT APPLICANT: This form must be completed by the person recommending you for this program. Please write your name and social security number in the space provided below before giving this form to the person filling it out. The completed form should be placed in a sealed envelope and delivered together with your application or you can ask your recommender to send it directly to us at the SCLAS Summer Program Coordination Office by March 31, 2008.

Student Name: ________________________________________________
Social Security Number: _________________________________________

REFERENCE PERSON: Please place the completed form in an envelope, sign it across the seal and return either to the applicant or to the SCLAS Summer Program Coordination Office in the Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute, Caroline Richardson Hall, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118. If you are Tulane Faculty and Staff, you can email your recommendation for admission to Natalia Porto at nporto@tulane.edu. (This recommendation will remain confidential and will be used by the program staff only in its procedures relative to admission to the Tulane Border Justice program).

Please address the following:

• How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
• What are the applicant’s qualifications for this particular program?
• Please comment on attributes such as motivation, adaptability, intellect, and maturity.
• If possible, please comment on applicant’s scholarship and preparation in Latin American Studies, Community Development, Social Justice, Spanish, etc.
• Please sign and date the form.
• Please give your full name and title/position.

Please feel free to use the space provided or attach your comments to this form.
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