IS 398, a three-hour course, includes two-hours of classroom study of the culture and literature of Cameroon (and broader West Africa) and a two-week trip to Cameroon. Instead of squeezing in a trip over spring break, we will travel in May, shortly after graduation, so that we can enjoy two weeks on the ground. Not only will we visit a country and its people generally, AU students will participate with University of Buea students in discussions of literature, film, art, culture, and faith. AU students will also take a tour of Yaounda with noted Cameroonian author and scholar Dr. John Nkengasong. In addition, we will explore sites where ships departed for the middle passage, a nature preserve, a rainforest, a village (and meet a chieftain), a village that is home to “pygmies,” as well as the Women’s Empowerment Center, and places of worship. We will go to Cameroon to learn and to be humbled by what we learn; we will go as guests and as servants.

Class: Tuesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.