Dear Students of Venezuela Program,

I hope that you had a great break.

Please read Charles Hardy’s book, *Cowboy in Caracas*, for this Tuesday, January 10th, seminar. Charlie will be our tour guide in Caracas.

Here is the schedule for our Olympia classes. **Winter 2012**

**Week One, January 9-13**

**Tuesday, January 10th, morning**, 9:30-12:00; Room, Sem 2, D2105 (we also have, D2107)
- Form travel groups, discuss and form tentative research groups, firm up volunteer positions
- Discussion of winter assignments!

Please bring your itinerary and paperwork you have filled out to class, also your passport number

**Tuesday afternoon, 1:00 to 3:30,**
- Anne’s Seminar, Lib 2205;
- Peter’s seminar, Lib 2207
- Discuss, Hardy, *Cowboy in Caracas*, whole book
  (we also have Sem 2, A1105 if we need to finish morning discussion)

**Wednesday, January 11th,**
- 9:00, Students from Anne’s fall film workshop meet with her in Multimedia Lab for assisted workshop in translation and basics of making DVD.
- 10:00, Students from Peter’s econ workshop and new students meet in Library 1326, at 10 A.M.
- Topic: Discussion of Cuba and relation to Venezuela.
- Please read my article, which is on my website about Cuba,

**Friday, January 13th**
- 9:30, Sem 2, E1105, Panel, Discussion and Workshop on anti-racism
  - 9:30-11:15 A.M., Panel on Racial Inequality and Racial Oppression, past and present, and challenging racism at the individual, community and societal level.
  - Panel – Kyle Svancarek, Araceli Tamayo-Lee, Elizabeth Seibel, Anne Fischel, Peter Bohmer
  - 11:30-Noon, Free write on racism and anti-racism

1:00 to 4:00 P.M.– Rooms: Sem 2, D2105, (we also have D2107)
1:00-2:15 P.M., small group discussions based on morning’s panel
2:15 to 3:00, conclusion and next steps
3:15-4:00, Orientation for travel with Michael Clifthorne

**Week Two, January 16th-19th**

**Tuesday, January 17th,**
- 9:30 to 12:00, Room, sem 2, D2105, (we also have D2107)
- Writing up Program covenant for travel to Venezuela and ratification
Tuesday Afternoon, January 17th
1-4 P.M.
1:00-3:00, Seminar; Discussion of Stephen Brouwer, *Revolutionary Doctors* (whole book)
Anne’s seminar, Library 2205; Peter’s seminar, Library 2207

3:00-4:00, Presentation by faculty member, Therese Saliba, on Politics and Ethics of Travel,
Sem 2, A1105

Wednesday, January 18th,
A.M., Students from Anne’s fall film workshop meet with her in Multimedia Lab for assisted workshop in use of DVD pro

We will also meet on Wednesday, January 18th in Library 1326 to deal with last minute odds and ends for trip.

No class Friday, January 20th, off to Venezuela

Assignments,
1. Come with questions and comments on the readings for the Tuesday seminars on January 10th and 17th.
Complete the entire book but no paper is required.

2. You will keep a journal in Venezuela where you will reflect carefully, frequently and in some depth on your activities and what you have learned. You will also reflect on your volunteer work and have a section dealing with notes, photos, etc. on your research project. You will write an essay based on your journal that will be due at the beginning of spring quarter. More details to follow!