About the Experience:

*Borders Without Boundaries: The MUNDO Toronto/NYC 2017 Experience* is designed to allow participants to explore how immigration and social justice issues are experienced differently in these cities based on the context of the country in which they reside. Students who attend will have the opportunity to think critically about immigration, social justice and the role theatre can play in influencing one’s understanding of these and other important topics. **A passport is required to go on this trip** (please see passport information below).

As part of the experience students will have an opportunity to answer the following questions:

- Who are we serving? What are the needs of the people we are serving? How do we determine whether these communities/individuals want or need our help?
- How do we encourage others to be willing to learn about communities different from the ones with which they are already familiar?
- How do the demographics in Toronto and New York City compare with each other? Are they similar or different? Are they similar or different from what you’ve experienced in your hometown or in Columbus? How do you think the cultural makeup of a city affects the city’s perspective or attitude about immigration and multiculturalism?
- How do the general public’s prevailing attitude on immigration compare to one another for each city?
- Is theater an effective way to convey a message? What kind of messages or current issues can theater shed light on?

**Borders Without Boundaries: ACTION TEAM:**

- **Joshua Fouasnon**, ACTION TEAM Leader
- **Sarah Cole**, Program Coordinator and MUNDO Staff Mentor
- **Ryan Mouncey**, Residence Hall Director and MUNDO Staff Mentor
- **Danny Chehade**, MUNDO Finance Executive and ACTION TEAM Student Guide
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**Overview of the Borders Without Boundaries: The MUNDO Toronto/NYC 2017 Experience:**

*Borders Without Boundaries: The MUNDO Toronto/NYC 2017 Experience* (March 11-19, 2017) will provide a hands-on look at the evolving challenges and benefits of life in large, cosmopolitan communities. The program is designed to take a closer look at how the multicultural histories and legacies of New York and Toronto continue to have an effect on those who live there as well as communities around the world.
Highlights of the experience will include:

- A Brief visit of Niagara Falls
- Food Tour of Kensington Market in Toronto
- Trip to and tour of Ellis Island
- A Walking tour of Harlem
- Attendance of “Come From Away” new Broadway Musical
- 911 Memorial Museum
- Opportunities to serve at New Circles in Toronto and the NYC Foodbank in NYC
- Other group experiences and tours

Application Information:
 Applicants must submit a completed “Borders Without Boundaries: The MUNDO Toronto/NYC 2017 Experience” application by Sunday, December 18th by 11:59 PM. Confirmed participants will be informed late December / early January, and will need to make payments for the experience by published deadlines.

Passport Information: (To get more info go to travel.state.gov and search “passport”)

- It takes at least eight weeks for a passport application to be processed. Passports are around $135. Please do not wait until the last minute. You can apply for a passport at the nearest Post Office. The nearest post office to campus is located at 33 E. 4th Ave. Columbus, OH. If you do not have one we recommend that you apply for it during Christmas Break or early in January at the latest. If you do have one we urge you to check the expiration date and make sure you do not need to renew. You need to provide the following:
  - DS-11 Form (You can print this out online and fill it out before you go out to get your passport)
  - Two identical colored photos, 2 in squared, of you in normal attire taken within the past 6 months
    - Can get these from:
      - Fed-Ex
      - Walmart
      - CVS
  - Proof that you are a U.S. citizen (only need one)
    - Previous U.S. passport (if applicable)
    - Certified birth certificate
    - Naturalization certificate
    - Certificate of citizenship
  - Proof of your identity
    - Previous U.S. passport (if applicable)
    - Valid Driver’s License
    - Naturalization certificate
    - Valid Driver’s License
    - Current government or military ID

- Another option to explore is getting a passport card which is a cheaper option (around $55), but you are limited to U.S. land border crossings and sea port-of-entry. Canada counts for this.

Payment Process:
*Cost per participant/staff: $400. There will be an online payment option open for the following dates.
  - First Payment: $200 due on Friday, February 10, 2017 by 11:59 PM
Final Payment: $200 due on Friday, February 24, 2017 by 11:59 PM

NOTE: Preference will be given to students who live in university residences, are active in MUNDO (weekly meeting attendance, participating in PASS or MUNDO events, etc.) or other Residence Life Big Six Organizations, and/or the Program for Advising in Scholarship and Service (PASS), but all students are strongly encouraged to apply.
*No refunds will be provided for cancellations*

Pre-Travel Requirements:
In addition to payments for the Borders Without Boundaries: The MUNDO Toronto/NYC 2017 Experience, interested participants MUST complete the following:

Actively take part in 1 out of 4 MUNDO events:
Salsa and Soul Food – Friday, February 3, 6 - 8:30 PM
A Taste of OSU – Friday, February 17, 5 – 9 PM (Please send us a picture and 2-3 sentences about the experience)
Ending Islamophobia – Monday, February 20, 7 – 9 PM
Hillel Night – (TBD)

Go to Pre-Trip Meetings/Events:
Understanding the Syrian Refugee Crisis – Monday, February 13th, 6:30 – 8 PM
Pre-Departure Meeting - (TBD)
Application due Sunday, December 18, 2017 at 11:59 PM

Borders Without Boundaries
MUNDO NYC/Toronto Experience 2017 Application

Due by December 18, 2017
Complete this form, and then submit saved document via the MUNDO Carmen website drop box or by e-mailing the completed form to mundo@osu.edu by the deadline

Name (Last, First, Middle): ________________________________

E-mail: ________________________________

I live:
• On Campus: ___
• Off-Campus: ___

Class Rank: ____________________

Student Group Affiliation (Choose all that apply):
• Allies for Diversity ___
• Black Student Association ___
• MUNDO ___
• National Residence Hall Honorary ___
• Off The Lake ___
• PASS (Arts and Sciences) ___
• Residence Hall Advisory Council (RHAC) ___
• None of these ___

Gender
__ Female
__ Male
__ Other

Academic Major/Minor(s): ________________________________

Food allergies or special dietary needs (if applicable): ________________________________

SHORT WRITTEN RESPONSES
Please respond to all four (5) of the following writing prompts in no more than 150 words each.

1. Do you have a passport that hasn’t expired? If not when do you plan on getting your passport?

2. Have you ever been abroad (only answer a or b depending on your answer to this)?
   a. If so where did you go and for what reason? Did this experience change your perspective of the world? How will your previous abroad experiences impact your experience on this trip?
b. If you haven’t been abroad, how does going abroad on this trip make you feel? Are you excited, nervous, etc.? What do you hope to gain on your first experience going abroad?

3. Please describe how you expect the content, theme, and location of this experience to contribute to the achievement of your academic, career, and personal goals.

4. How will your participation in this program contribute to the creation of a diverse group of participants with a variety of experiences, opinions, backgrounds, and cultural perspectives?

5. Please describe a time where you have actively learned about or experienced traditions of another culture besides your own. How has that experience influenced you as a person?

6. What are some reasons that people would immigrate to the U.S. or Canada? What is the difference between a refugee and an immigrant? (This doesn’t have to be right. Don’t use the Internet or textbooks to answer the question. It’s perfectly acceptable to put your best guess or even “I don’t know”).

   **Optional questions to also answer:** What do you already know about immigration in the U.S. or Canada? What are some of the obstacles that exist for current immigrants or refugees (Syrian refugees or Latino/Hispanic immigrants, for example) vs obstacles of immigrants or refugees in the past? What do you perceive the general public’s prevailing attitude about immigration is in both the U.S. and Canada?

**(OPTIONAL) ADDITIONAL QUESTION**

This question is not required, but may be submitted to provide additional information.

If there is an important aspect of your personal background or identity, not addressed elsewhere in the application, that you would like to share with the Committee, we invite you to do so here. (Examples might include significant challenges in access to education, unusual socioeconomic factors, cultural identity, religion, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or gender identity).

- Briefly explain how such factors have motivated you in life, whether in terms of career-orientation, social identity, or simply why you are applying for this experience.

I certify that the information given on this form is true and correct. I also have read the Requirements for participation in this experience.

Please sign here ___________________________ Date ___________________________