FIELDWORK COURSE ON ST. CROIX DURING THE SPRING TO SUMMER BREAK

INGL 8080 Caribbean Literatures and Languages in a Global Context: Fieldwork on Language and Culture in St. Croix

NOTE: Even though this course will be offered in St. Croix from the 15th to the 27th of May 2011 (after the end of the Spring Semester and before the beginning of the Summer Session) you should officially sign up for this course as a regular January to May Spring Semester course.

Course Description: (Open to all Students, Counts as a regular 3 Credit Linguistics 8000 level class) Even though many of the languages and literary traditions of the Caribbean are in grave danger of being overwhelmed by the European languages that dominate in governments, schools, media, etc, most remain undocumented. Given their relatively small populations and their maximal exposure to the forces of globalization, the need for field-based research is especially strong in the English-speaking islands of the Eastern Caribbean, which is the geographic area that provides the focus for this course. In this region alone there are approximately twenty Creole varieties that have not yet been described in any individual pieces of published or available research, including M.A. theses or Ph.D. dissertations! Opportunities for fieldwork abound, extending beyond traditional linguistic research into the areas of literature, folklore and oral history. The goal of this course is to prepare students for fieldwork in all of these areas. For students who are interested in doing archival research, such resources as the Whim Archives, the University of the Virgin Islands Reserve Collection and the private collections of St. Croix scholars will be made available.

COST:
Students enrolled in this course will meet their own transportation, accommodation, and feeding costs. Dormitory accommodation at about $35.00 per night and reasonably priced meals will be available on the St. Croix Campus of the University of the Virgin Islands. Roundtrip fares currently range from $180.00 to $240.00. PROF. N. FARACLAS