The Brazil field school is a research-based program which will take place in the northeastern capital of Salvador. Salvador, a beautiful city on the Atlantic Ocean, is the first capital of Brazil and the center of Afro-Brazilian culture. This program provides students with a mentored field research experience where they can understand Brazilian families, culture, and social problems in an immersive language environment. Students will conduct interviews with Brazilian families about father involvement, poverty, and health in an effort to create a research-based intervention program in the future. During the field school, students will receive in-field training on how to conduct social science research. Although based in the School of Social Work, this study abroad opportunity is relevant to students who are interested in Brazilian culture, family issues, and health. During the field school, students will be living with a Brazilian host family and will have the opportunity to experience Northeastern culture and work on social problems in Latin America and the Global South.

DATES
2 May–13 June 2016

HOUSING
Students will live with local host families in the field site. This will facilitate the experience of cultural immersion and also provide students with a local contact to help them in their fieldwork.

COURSES
Students must register for 4.5 to 6 credit hours during the spring term.
SOC W 595R Special Topics in Social Work (1–6 credit hours)
Alternative course options may be considered with the program director.

COST
$3,900–4,300

Includes LDS, undergraduate tuition (increased cost for grads and non-LDS), lodging, meals, in-country excursions, and international health insurance coverage.

Not Included: Airfare (typically $900–1,200 from U.S.to Brazil), passport and visa ($100–200), vaccinations ($100–200), lunches, personal expenses, personal travel.
PREPARATION
Portuguese language proficiency is required. Applicants will be evaluated by a Portuguese Language Professor upon application to the program.

Students are also required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201, 1 credit hour). This evening course will be held during the second block of winter semester 2016.

FUNDING SOURCES
Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs.

Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a study abroad scholarship and may be considered for other scholarships. Students must indicate on their original online application that they want to be considered for financial aid.

Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants.

Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

The director has applied for various sources of funding for this program. In the event that some of these sources are awarded, eligible students may apply for such funding in the program based on both merit and demonstrated need. Please consult the director to discuss this and other possible funding options.

APPLICATION PROCESS
Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/apply
The application requires a $35 fee
Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete
Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program

Deadline: 20 December 2015

FACULTY
Kevin Shafer is the Faculty Director of the program. Professor Shafer teaches policy, community organization, and research courses in the School of Social Work. He has conducted research on father involvement and mental health in both the United States and Brazil.

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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Students should plan to be in Brazil for the complete duration of the program and refrain from scheduling late arrivals or early departures.

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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS
ISP reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost estimates due to conditions beyond its control.