

# Outcomes of an Education Field Study in South Africa



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Patrick Lee has worked as a research analyst in public health education for the State of Utah since 2003. Lee is also involved as a volunteer with the International Rescue Committee in Salt Lake, where much of his knowledge and experience gained in South Africa and Uganda has been crucial to the success with the refugees who are resettled through that organization. During his undergraduate years, Lee participated in a field study in South Africa, where he focused on education reforms in post-Apartheid South Africa. His field work included teaching and administrative work at Kwa-Mahlobo Senior Secondary School in Soweto, outside of Johannesburg. Part of his work included attending education conferences on behalf of the school administration, which enhanced his knowledge and understanding of South African education, and he combined those direct experiences with research to complete his field study. Lee received a BA in international studies (2001) and an MPA (2003) from BYU. He also served a mission to South Africa.

## International Field Studies Lecture Series

International Study Programs (ISP) and the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies are pleased to announce the new International Field Studies Lecture Series. The lectures will highlight past field study students, who conducted research over the past decade since field studies began at BYU. The more senior alumni will often include descriptions of how their original international experience contributed to their further academic achievements, career, and life paths. It is hoped that this lecture series will not only be interesting and educational, but will also illustrate, for BYU students, the possibilities, and advantages, of conducting cross-cultural field work, as well as to encourage undergraduate research and mentored learning.