

# The Importance of Exposure to Peoples, Culture, and Poverty



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Susanna Johnson is completing a two-year social work program at Washington University following an eventful preparation period surrounding her undergraduate years. Upon graduation from BYU with a bachelor's degree in marriage, family, and human development and a minor in international development in 2001, Johnson was an assistant to Dave Shuler, International Field Studies coordinator. Simultaneously she worked as a care technician at the Center for Change in Orem. Prior to that she had been an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow, where she worked with the United Way of Utah County and the Utah County Health Department. She was responsible for coordinating a volunteer program for first-time parents in Utah County. During three research trips to South Africa (2000–02), Johnson worked with a development organization on a participatory rural appraisal project, worked in a children's home and gathered information to write a case study, and worked for eight months with street children also to write a case study. From 1997–99, she served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Dallas, Texas. In fall 1996, she spent a semester abroad at BYU's Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies. Johnson received an associate's degree in natural sciences from Weber State University (1996) before transferring to BYU.

### International Field Studies Lecture Series

**Fridays, beginning  
30 September–November  
at noon in 238 HRCB.**

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. Topics to be covered will include: ceremonial drumming in Ghana, cross-cultural psychology in India, religious movements in the highlands of Guatemala, and survival strategies of street children in South Africa. 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.