



InterRDom Students Complete Internships with Dominican Organizations

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Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo organized a ceremony to honor the 2007 InterRDom summer interns' successful completion of their internships and academic studies. The ceremony was held at FUNGLODE, Thursday, August 9, 2007.

Over the course of twelve weeks, InterRDom program participants carried-out internships in the fields of: education, environmental studies, migration, international development, disaster management, remittances, gender issues and HIV/AIDs prevention.

Participating Dominican organizations benefited greatly from the interns' expertise and bilingual capacity. Partnering institutions this summer included: The Center for Export and Investment for the Dominican Republic ([CEI-RD](#)), the National Judiciary School ([ENJ](#)), the American Chamber of Commerce for the Dominican Republic ([AMCHAM](#)), the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women ([INSTRAW](#)), the Dominican newspaper [Clave Digital](#), [World Vision](#), the Pan-American Development Foundation ([PADE](#)), the Program for the Preparation and Prevention of Disasters (part of the [United Nations Development Program](#)), Alianza ONG and [Centro León](#).

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The academic component of InteRDom was coordinated by [UNIBE](#) University and included specialized courses on Contemporary Caribbean History and Culture, a Spanish language course and seminars on the Central American Free Trade Agreement with the Dominican Republic (DR-CAFTA).

On the weekends, students partook in cultural excursions to different provinces and communities. Excursions were coordinated by Tirso Cabral, Xiomara Fortuna and Gina Gallardo, specialists in Dominican folklore at Rancho Campeche.

InteRDom provides internship and academic opportunities to undergraduate and graduate-level students. Upon successful completion of the program, students are awarded a certificate and a full evaluation of their performance by their supervisors.

The objective of the program is to elevate levels of competitiveness and exchange conditions favorable to both Dominican and international students. InteRDom will soon provide international internship experiences to Dominican students as well.

STUDENT PROFILES, JUNE – AUGUST, 2007

Natimil Abreau

Baruch College, Business

Research topic: Environment and Education in the Dominican Republic

Host organization: Clave Digital

Denise Nolasco

Baruch College, Political Science and Economics

Research topic: Environment, DR-CAFTA and Education in the Dominican Republic

Host organizations: National School of Judicial Studies (ENJ) and the American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM)

Adam Bledsoe

Dartmouth College, International Relations

Research topic: International Relations in the Caribbean

Host organization: Pan American Foundation for Development (FUPAD)

Christina Davidson

Yale University, Latin American Studies and Gender

Research topic: Gender, Work and Sex Tourism in the Dominican Republic

Host organization: UN International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of

Women (INSTRAW)

Special support from: Centro Cultural León

Dan Lyons

Fordham University, Economics and International Development (M.A. program)

Host organization: Disaster Prevention and Preparation Program (PNUD / ONFED)

Elizabeth Polanco

Washington Lee University, Economics, Language and Asiatic Literature

Host organizations: Pan American Foundation for Development (FUPAD) and the Dominican Republic Center for Exportation and Investment (CEI-RD)

Jennifer Corrales

Brandeis University, Health Science and Social Service

Host organization: World Vision

Jennifer Eaglin

John Hopkins University, International Economics and Latin American Relations

Host organization: World Vision

Kacey Pindar

Pace University, International Business

Host organization: Alianza ONG and Seguros La Universal

Edward Gonzalez Acosta

The New School, Political Science (Ph. D. program)

Project: The Political Impact of Remittances in Latin America

Mathew A. Leiber

Brown University, Political Science (Ph. D. program)

Project: Remittances and the Political Exterior of Mexico and the Dominican Republic