Announcement of exciting student volunteer research and networking opportunity with the 2015 Moynihan TNGO Fellows:


The Transnational NGO Initiative hosts 1-2 senior transnational NGO leaders each year through our Moynihan NGO Fellows program: these leaders spend 2 weeks of ‘intellectual rest and recreation” at the Moynihan Institute, researching a topic which poses a challenge to them as NGO leaders and which is aligned with our research interest in the governance, leadership and effectiveness of transnational NGOs. Many students have volunteered to do preparatory research for our Fellows in past years and found that experience very rewarding.

This Spring semester (Feb 1-13, 2015), Josephine Oguta, Regional Governance Advisor, World Vision International (African Regions) and Richard Marshall, Senior Director Support Office, People and Culture, World Vision are visiting us. World Vision is one of the largest and most influential Western-founded international development NGOs. For the past 12 years Oguta has been involved with setting up governance systems and structures, board development, board formation and evaluation in various NGOs such as Action Aid AMREF and the Nelson Mandela Foundation. Richard Marshall has worked in Human Resources, Organizational Development and Leadership Development in the private sector as well as NGO sector for over 25 years.

Marshall and Oguta will research two interrelated but separate questions: First, what is the profile of the future TNGO leader, and how does it need to be different from the leadership profile of current TNGOs? And second, how does the board governance model for complex federated TNGOs such as World Vision need to change in order to align with future governance demands of the organization?
We are seeking students who are interested in volunteering to do preparatory literature research on behalf of Josephine Oguta and Richard Marshall during December 2014 and January 2015 before their arrival, as well as conduct follow-up work as necessary during their stay at Moynihan in February. Students will be able to choose which of the two topics they will focus on. You will have an exciting opportunity to interact with these important leaders throughout their stay which can help with networking and career development. We are hoping to count on approx. 5 hours a week of your time to devote to this assignment, for at least 4 weeks during the months of December 2014 and January 2015.

If you are interested and available, please send your indication of interest, CV and time frame for availability during this period to Tosca Bruno-van Vijfeijken, Co-Director, Transnational NGO Initiative, Moynihan Institute (tmbruno@maxwell.syr.edu; phone 443-5073) by Fri Nov 21. Please copy Carlo Abuyuan, GA in the TNGO Initiative (ckabuyua@syr.edu) and Qurrat Rasheed (qrasheed@syr.edu), TNGO volunteer student and team lead for this assignment on your application. For questions, please feel free to contact Carlo who will coordinate the Fellowship. Carlo can also send you the detailed research brief for each Fellow for a more elaborate description of the research questions.

Thank you for your consideration!