

## **'Seeing is Belize-ing:' Global Awareness Roundtable is Monday**

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"Seeing is Belize-ing: Alfred in Belize," this month's Global Awareness Roundtable at Alfred University, will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, April 18, in the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, on the AU campus. Presenters will include 11 students from nine different majors completed the eight-day Belize trip which was the experiential part of the course "Belize and the Caribbean," taught by Dr. Robert Myers, professor of anthropology, who describes the trip as his "effort to introduce students to a larger world view by visiting a developing country. In Belize they could see first hand how people still lived in thatch-roofed houses, even as close to a million tourists visited the country a year and tourism accounted for at least a quarter of the nation's economy. "Not only did they explore the jungle and nature preserves of the county, which has devoted more than 40 percent of its land to conservation efforts, but they climbed and learned about Mayan ruins and contemporary Mayan culture, met with leaders of another group, the Garifuna, snorkeled on the world's second biggest coral reef, and visited with the US Ambassador in the only wooden US Embassy left in the world," said Myers. Biology professor Cheryld Emmons co-led the trip and answered botanical questions. The Global Awareness Roundtable is a monthly event designed to introduce the Alfred community to a variety of cultures from around the world. This informal gathering gives AU's international faculty, students and alumni the opportunity to introduce participants to countries as diverse as Japan, Guatemala and Tunisia. Students who have lived, studied or worked abroad also share their experiences and observations. Presentations cover a wide range of topics including history, traditions, art, music and food. Anyone interested in participating or any one who has questions about the program is asked to contact Dr. Ariana Huberman at 607. 871. 2882.