

## **ANTH 480 – Whelehan – 2012 Spring**

### **WATER AVAILABILITY PROJECT**

Your first project will be to examine and reach a set of recommendations and conclusions about the availability of clean water globally. While one of the well-known and primary concerns about clean water is the reliable availability of potable drinking water

(<http://thewaterproject.org/?gclid=CMLO3PmElq0CFYHAKgodAGdymA>), another, equally important, but less well known issue is who “owns” water rights globally.

You have been hired by the Water Project to investigate not only the problems inherent to potable water globally and how that is accessed, but the concerns relative to how controls access to aquifers and how that affects national and global current and future water supplies. You need to investigate and present the issues involved as well as offer recommendations about how to increase the chances that people will have access to clean water.

### **MIGRANT LABOR PART I: BACKGROUND**

This semester the senior seminar projects are taking on a qualitatively different direction. While you are still doing three projects, the second and third projects are one major project split in two. This change occurred last spring when Dr. Sarmiento, Spanish, contacted Dr. Kruczek-Aaron and myself about the working and living situations of migrant workers in the U.S. Dr. Kruczek-Aaron has worked with Mr. Renan Salgado, a migrant worker specialist and activist in Western New York, about migrant workers rights. Mr. Regaldo will be a guest speaker about the working and living conditions of migrant workers at the end of the spring semester. He will be sponsored by the Anthropology and Spanish Clubs, and CLASS.

In the first part of this project, you will provide background information about migrant workers in the U.S. generally and in Western N.Y. specifically. Who are they, where do they come from and why and what are the general concerns and working conditions under which they work and live? This is **not** an immigration study per se, though that will need to be discussed. You will need to differentiate between small, local farms who employ migrant labor and agribusiness and the issues involved. This is a link to one url that can provide a perspective on this aspect of the project: <http://www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov/h-2a.cfm>.

This part of the project will provide an overview and background for the second part which specifically addresses the conditions of migrant workers in Western New York, where much of our produce and most of the livestock for animal protein in Western New York derives.

### **MIGRANT LABOR PROJECT PT 2: WESTERN NEW YORK FARMING PRACTICES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

In preparation for Mr. Salgado’s presentation, this part of the project focuses on farming, hiring, work and living conditions on farms in western New York which supplies most of the agricultural and livestock products for the state. You will also compare the practices on these large farms with smaller farms, such as those in the North Country. Here is a link for Mr. Salgado: <http://flsny.yellowmoonbroadcasting.com/2007/10/14/renan-salgado-discusses-human-trafficking-and-immigration-issues.aspx>

After presenting your research on life in large farms in the state, you will make specific recommendations that could actually be implemented regarding migrant labor.