Globalizing the Classroom: Examples from a Fulbright in Senegal

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Discussion Points:

1. Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad – Short Term Research/Study Opportunity
2. Seminar to Senegal in May-June 2016 – Religion and Diversity in West Africa (Senegal)
3. Subtopics in Introductory Sociology Courses Conducive to Seminar Focus
   - Culture
   - Socialization
   - Global Stratification
   - Marriage and Family
   - Religion
   - Education
4. Primary Goal – Help to Address the Knowledge Gap on Africa by Integrating Aspects of Senegalese Culture into Introductory Sociology Courses
5. Methods for Integrating Seminar to Senegal Materials into Classroom
   - Pre-Semester Assessment on Knowledge of Senegal
   - Geography – How Large is Africa? Locating Senegal on the Map
   - The Danger of a Single Story – TED Talk by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
   - Lecture and Demonstration of Material and Non-Material Culture Using Artifacts from Senegal (Culture)
   - Language in Senegal – Elementary Wolof (Culture)
   - Historical Connections – West Africa and the United States – Goree Island, Senegal (Global Stratification)
   - Essay Questions on Unit Exams (Culture)
   - Response Paper Assignment – Planning a Trip to West Africa (Culture, Socialization, Global Stratification, Marriage and Family, Religion, Education)
   - Global Pen Pal Project – Comparing and Contrasting Family Life across Cultures (Culture, Socialization, Global Stratification, Marriage and Family, Religion, and Education)
   - Post-Semester Assessment on Knowledge of Senegal
6. Resources
   - Curriculum Project on Integrating Senegal into Sociology Curriculum:
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   - Resources on Africa for Use in Classrooms:
     Boston University Pardee School of Global Studies, African Studies Center, Teaching Africa Outreach Program - http://www.bu.edu/africa/outreach/
   - Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad: https://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpssap/index.html
7. Questions/Comments/Discussion