

# STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION SESSION

## Swarthmore Northern Ireland Program



Please join Professor Lee Smithey

**On Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 3:30 SC145**

Come learn about the **Northern Ireland Semester**, a study abroad program of Swarthmore College. We will hold an orientation session on **Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in SC145**.

The program provides students a unique opportunity to study conflict, ongoing peacebuilding efforts, and social entrepreneurship in local communities in Northern Ireland, a region in a critical transition after 30 years of violent political and ethnic struggle. Students work (for supervised credit) within local community organizations while studying conflict, peace, and reconciliation at the Irish School for Ecumenics of Trinity College at its Belfast campus. Community placements can be tailored to fit your particular academic interests (e.g. theatre as peacebuilding, culture and conflict, transitional politics, segregated education, cross-border economics, etc.)

The Northern Ireland Semester is based in two geographic locations, Derry / Londonderry or Belfast, but student involvement with community groups may take place elsewhere in Northern Ireland. Students may register for one semester or two, and further possibilities for summer research and/or service work may arise.

Visit the Northern Ireland Semester website at <http://www.swarthmore.edu/academics/northern-ireland-program.xml> where you can read more about the program, including student contributions to the program's blog at <http://northernirelandsemester.posterous.com/>

All students are welcome to participate in the program. For Peace and Conflict Studies students, all four credits may be applied toward the minor.