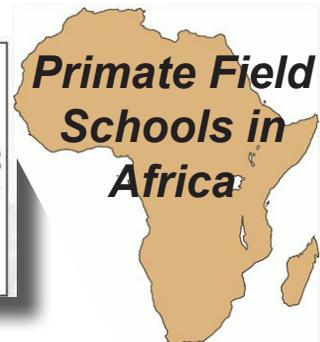
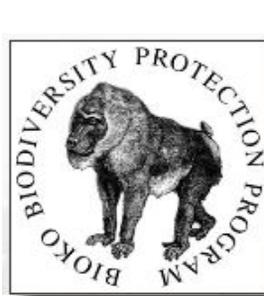


Bioko Island Study Abroad

For over 13 years, the Bioko Study Abroad program (Drexel University) has taken students to Bioko, Equatorial Guinea, as part of an immersive experience with the Bioko Biodiversity Protection Program (BBPP) that focuses on hands-on experiential learning and training in biodiversity research. This unique program includes individual field research projects at the Moka Wildlife Center in the highlands of Bioko, academically rigorous coursework at the National University of Equatorial Guinea in the capital city of Malabo, expeditions into Bioko's tropical forests, and cultural excursions to explore Bioko's diverse and storied past. Students have come from a wide array of backgrounds, but they have all left transformed, with a broadened worldview and a depth of experience that can only result from study of complex environmental challenges in a global context.

To maintain this high level of individualized study, the program is offered twice a year (September - December and January - March) to a class of eight students.

The program offers a unique opportunity for undergraduates and recent graduates to:



- Study tropical biodiversity and its conservation, with an emphasis on field work that takes advantage of Bioko Island's pristine rainforests, its 7 species of rare monkeys, and its 4 species of nesting sea turtles.
- Work in collaboration with experienced African field biologists on an individual research project, and thus adding to the biodiversity database being created for Bioko Island.
- Participate in the activities of an established conservation program on the political, economic and ecological issues involved in biodiversity conservation, thereby building personal credentials and contacts.
- Explore the linguistic and cultural diversity of Equatorial Guinea, Africa's only Spanish-speaking country, by collaborating with local university students on research projects and on Spanish language skills.

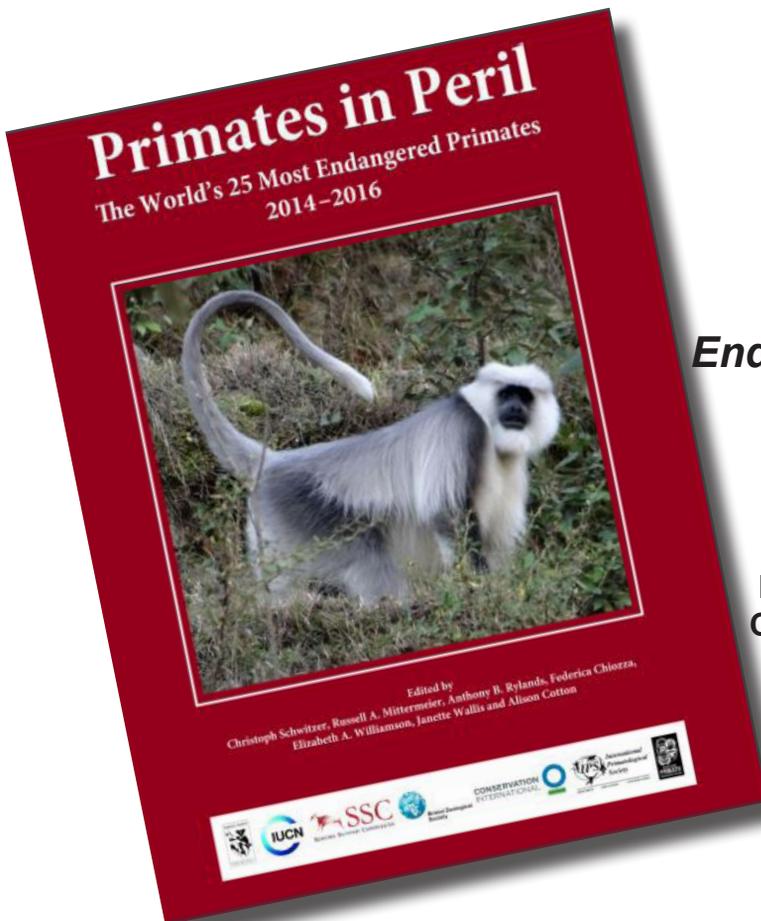


For more information, visit www.drexel.edu/studyabroad or contact either Study Abroad at Drexel University (Daniela Ascarelli; ascareld@drexel.edu; 215-895-6280) or Dr. Mary Katherine Gonder (mkg62@drexel.edu; 215-571-4638). For more information on the BBPP and its activities, please visit www.bioko.org.



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