



### SIT Graduate Course Offered at No Charge to Teachers

Though a generous donation of GYLI Board Member, Jim Stuart, GYLI is excited to offer a graduate level course to our teacher participants: "Teaching Leadership for Global Issues. This will now be offered at NO COST to participants. We are inspired by the breadth and scope of the work that SIT Graduate Institute is doing in Vermont and around the world, and we are proud to offer a piece of that to GYLI teachers.

[Click here to read more about his program and see teacher comments.](#)

### M. Imroz Joins GYLI as a Trainer and Facilitator



### From Matt Nink

Hello GYLI students, teachers, and friends.



I write to you during the first days of GYLI institutes for 2009: as the year 1 program just finished on the Amistad, the Year 3 program is underway in Costa Rica, and the Year 2 program begins today in New Mexico! These kick off days represent months and months of work and planning by GYLI staff and coordinators, and it is so great that they are finally here! As we begin our 7th

summer of programming, we count our blessings and plan for the future.

Among our blessings is the best program staff anywhere on earth! We have assembled tremendous coordinators from all parts of the US and indeed all over the world. [See their bios here.](#) Each day the GYLI staff here in Milwaukee and at all of our programs carry out the idea of I=WE. This African proverb simply states that I must put aside my own needs for the good of the community or group. This happens most often when we try to care for each student and teacher we work with, to make sure their questions are answered, their visions are turning into action, and their dreams for positive change are becoming reality. In the story by Leo Tolstoy, "3 Questions" the main character asks simply: What is the most important thing to do? When is the most important time to do it? Who is the most important person to work with on that task? In wonderful and literary fashion, Tolstoy moves toward his answers: The time is NOW, the task is to serve, and the person is whoever is in front of you. In all of our programs we seek to build this capacity to serve, to sharpen our skills of awareness, and to add to our knowledge about the world around us.

We also want to share several pieces of great news that have developed from GYLI's continuous growth. These projects would not be possible without the tremendous amount of support we receive and for this; we thank everyone who continues to believe in GYLI.

The GYLI team continues to expand and we are thrilled to be joined by M. Imroz, a skilled facilitator who has worked as a mentor, leader, and guide in India and the USA. Most recently Imroz was a facilitator at Waskowitz Outdoor School in Tacoma, WA. She comes to us by special arrangement with Washington State Universtiy. Imroz is available to GYLI schools to do workshops that cover many topics ranging from interfaith dialogue to gender issues.

[Click here to read Imroz's bio](#) or email her at [imroz@gyli.org](mailto:imroz@gyli.org) to schedule a workshop for your school.

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## Youth Media Project Travels to the Amistad Program

Through the efforts of GYLI founder John Braman, Youth Media Project in Santa Fe New Mexico was able to raise money to attend the Year 1 program on the Amistad to gather audio stories for NPR and other radio outlets. YMP is rooted in the practice of gathering stories from the community and having that integrated into academic learning. They work with teachers and students at several high schools in New Mexico to create classes like Radio Arts and Narrative Radio, which help to develop students' skills in writing, interviewing and storytelling.

[Click here to read more.](#)

## GYLI Hires Documentary Filmmaker to Produce a Short Film on GYLI



Throughout our programs this summer, GYLI will work with Ed Radtke, an award winning filmmaker, to gather the stories and high points of the GYLI experience. Ed has worked with youth on many projects and has a tremendous ability to integrate professionally-produced as well as student produced segments to help us tell the world about the great work our students and teachers are doing as a result of GYLI.

[Click here to read more about Ed Radtke and see samples of his work.](#)