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**Name of Program:** Mapping Social and Environmental Disparities in Cities: An integrated Field GIS in Shanghai, China

**Name of Program Director(s):** Dr. Dajun Dai and Dr. Kim R. Ramsey-White

**Location of Program:** Shanghai, China

**Dates of Program:** July 9 – July 23, 2015

The Mapping Social and Environmental Disparities in Cities: An Integrated Field GIS program will take place mostly in an urban setting. Students should be aware July is one of Shanghai's hottest months with an average temperature of 82 degrees (Fahrenheit) and early July is also within the Plum Rain Season, when showers and sunshine alternate throughout the day and the weather can be hard to predict. When it is sunny it can be scorching and when it rains it will be cooler. While students will have air conditioning in their hotel rooms, they should expect to not always have air conditioning during their travels. Much of the traveling will be done via air-conditioned van/motor-coach, and on the Shanghai metro-transit system which includes rail transportation and bus transportation. Additionally, students will be walking between their hotel and Fudan University, a distance of not more than ¼ of a mile. All walking will be on paved roads. Students should be capable of walking up flights of stairs because elevators may not always be available. Additionally, students are advised to stay well hydrated. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that all travelers should be up to date on routine vaccinations, such as measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and a yearly flu shot. They also suggest that travelers get travel vaccines and medicine to reduce the risk of hepatitis A and typhoid while in China. Students should also consult their physicians regarding additional vaccines and medicines such as hepatitis B, Japanese encephalitis, malaria, polio, and rabies.