



## AFRICAN DEMOCRACY PROJECT: Botswana

On March 10 through 21, 2011, 13 university scholars engaged Botswana of all walks of life on a variety of topics. Students examined democratic institutions in Botswana, emphasizing HIV/AIDS care and counseling, gender equality, sustainable energy development, and the challenges of life in Africa in a turbulent, globalizing world. Beginning in Gaborone, the capital of Botswana, students traveled through the country with Dr. Reid and co-instructor Xavier Livermon in order to gain perspectives on rural Botswana. Students filmed and journaled, not only their interviews, but also their own experiences in adapting to Botswanan life and their own reflections on the experience.



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Xavier Livermon received his B.A. in Political Science from UC San Diego, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in African

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