DESCRIPTION: This seminar is designed to help participants explore the implications of short-term engagement and provide the groundwork and tools for effective civic partnerships. The four interactive sessions cover a range of topics, including identity, culture shock, health and wellness, and the ethics of engagement.

SESSION I: “Voluntourism”, Short-term Service & Models of Engagement

- Icebreakers, norm-setting, review of seminar policies.
- Mind mapping: what words and phrases do you associate with DukeEngage?
- Review definition of civic engagement and DukeEngage’s mission statement.
- Read two Chronicle op-eds (linked below) criticizing DukeEngage.
  - Whose world are we changing?
  - DukeEngage: Performative altruism
- Read an excerpt from “A Nazareth Manifesto” on models of engagement.
- Small-group discussions of the Chronicle articles and the “Nazareth Manifesto” excerpt.
- Large-group sharing of answers to discussion questions.

SESSION II: Health & Safety

- Large-group conversation: how might health & safety considerations differ during DukeEngage?
- Paired conversations debriefing the Handbook.
- Large-group activity: working from each small group’s document, create a unanimous one-pager.

SESSION III: Identity & Culture

- Review of seminar norms.
- Complete Social Identity Wheels and answer corresponding questions.
- Small-group discussions of identity-related scenarios.
- Read and discuss an excerpt from “A Few Minor Adjustments: A Handbook for Peace Corps Volunteers” related to culture shock and the process of adjustment.
- Examine aspects of Duke culture through the lens of an outsider & discuss key takeaways.

SESSION IV: Ethics of Engagement

- Define ethics and why it matters in the context of DukeEngage.
- Learn types of ethical dilemmas.
- Learn the “JIST” framework for analyzing right-right ethical dilemmas – justice vs. mercy, individual vs. community, short-term vs. long-term and truth vs. loyalty.
Read and discuss various Ethics of Engagement case studies developed by the Kenan Institute for Ethics.

Small-group work: develop scenarios at Duke where ethical dilemmas are present and discuss possibilities for resolution.