

ACADEMIC STUDY TRIP: *South Africa: Race, Resistance, & Representation*

MJD 355 (2 credits)

Prerequisite: MJD 219 (Spring 2022, 4 credits)

Trip dates: Summer 2022

Meet Your Trip Leaders:

PROFESSOR TRACI GRIFFITH

Professor Griffith teaches in the Department of Media Studies, Journalism and Digital Arts. She's been a professor at St. Mike's for 20 years. She is a broadcast journalist and social activist and spends a lot of her time volunteering in the community. She's led numerous MOVE service trips to Selma, Alabama, New York, and Hartford, CT. She's fascinated with the stories people tell and the lived experiences of people from other cultures. Her travels have taken her to 5 continents and over 50 countries. Her interest in travel and storytelling led to the creation of 3 international faculty led media courses in China, Mongolia, and South Africa. Professor Griffith believes that Media Studies is inherently interdisciplinary with a broad focus on politics, sociology, philosophy, language, science, and the environment. This broad approach considers what life is like in these countries and how media affects the people living there. When not traveling or in class or her basement office in JeanMarie she can be found walking around campus with Bessie, the smallest dog you've ever seen!



BHUTTU MATHEWS

Bhuttu Mathews is a counselor at the Bergeron Student Wellness Center at Saint Michael's College. He graduated from the college's master's program in clinical psychology, serves as coach of its men's rugby team, and has led numerous student service trips. Originally from India where he spent the first 16 years of his life, he moved to Chicago in 1991, completed his undergraduate studies at DePaul University, and worked in business until switching to disability rights advocacy. Counseling people living with chronic social and medical barriers, and participating in local and national actions for disability rights fed his desire to become a professional counselor. A lifelong athlete, he actively practices martial arts, yoga, and rugby. He lives in Burlington with his partner and their two dogs.

