



AFRICAN DEMOCRACY PROJECT: Ghana

On December 2 through 14, 2012, 10 Wayne State University students and two graduate mentors traveled with Dr. Reid to Ghana in an intensive study of three critical elements of political communication during the presidential election year: (1) Salient public policy issues as identified by Ghanaian citizens; (2) Modes of political communication by citizens, civic-activists and political leaders; and (3) Possible conflicts or consensus about public issues. Students completed a series of vigorous exercises exploring the contemporary international connections between Ghana and the United States.



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Ronald E. Brown received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1984. He teaches classes in African-American Politics,

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