



## AFRICAN DEMOCRACY PROJECT: Liberia

On October 5 through 16, 2011, 11 Wayne State scholars immersed themselves in a 12 day experience in Monrovia. Led by Dr. Reid and co-instructor Sharon Lean, they observed national elections and interviewed a wide spectrum of participants in the construction of Liberian democracy. Upon their return, students produced original research papers and shared their work and experiences with the class, the university and the greater Detroit community. Students applied their experience in Liberia to better understand how local issues resonate globally and how global issues resonate locally.



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Sharon F. Lean received her Ph.D. from the University of California Irvine in 2004 and earned a Masters in Social Science from the Latin American Faculty of Social Science (FLACSO) in Mexico City in 1996. Her research interests include democratization and democratic consolidation, elections and election monitoring, social movements and civil society. Her work on civil society and election observations has been published in the journals *Democratization*, *Electoral Studies* and *Sociedad Civil*. She is an editor, with Thomas Legler and Dexter S. Boniface, of *Promoting Democracy in the Americas* (Johns Hopkins University Press 2007). She recently completed a book on *Civil Society and Electoral Accountability*. Since 1996, she has served as an international election observer in a number of countries, including Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela.

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