



Gallatin Dean Visits Sierra Leone with Master's Student Edward Bergman

Gallatin School of Individualized Study Dean E. Frances White traveled to Sierra Leone earlier this semester with Gallatin master's student Edward Bergman. Bergman is the co-founder and executive director of Miracle Corners of the World, a non-profit that seeks to develop sustainable improvements in health care, education, and economic well-being across the globe.

The organization's leadership and White, who taught at the University of Sierra Leone for two years in the 1970s and authored *Sierra Leone's Settler Women Traders* (Michigan, 1987), went to the region in an effort to open a pair of youth centers designed to sustain peace. The country's 10-year civil war (1991-2001) claimed 75,000 lives and left many others maimed.

"Fortunately, there were great things about the new Sierra Leone," White said of her visit. "Most exciting was my sense that the children who survive infancy and childhood malaria are much less malnourished on average than when I was in West Africa 30 years ago."

