

Ignite

Welcoming, informing & inspiring new Jesuit Volunteers



Happy summer, international JV class of 2015!

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As we are getting very close to Orientation, we invite you to take some time to reflect on the idea of social justice and how, as a JV, you will strive to live in a spirit of solidarity as you build meaningful relationships with individuals in your city, in your community, and at your placement. The resources offered in this issue will hopefully allow you to begin to challenge your assumptions and prejudices so that you may seek truth and justice in all situations during your JV experience and beyond.



ACTION IN THIS ISSUE:

- **Carefully read this for all you need to know before Orientation: 2015 Orientation Final Logistics outline**
- Continue your Send Me To Serve campaigns!
- Reminders:
 - Continue gathering the necessary documents for your visa and bring these to Orientation.
 - Complete your self-care plan and bring to Orientation
 - Collect information about the country you're headed to and bring to Orientation.

Meet JVC Staff:

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Paige Katzfey,
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Value Highlight: Social Justice



Through your experience as a Jesuit Volunteer, you will become more aware of your role in

Send Me To Serve!

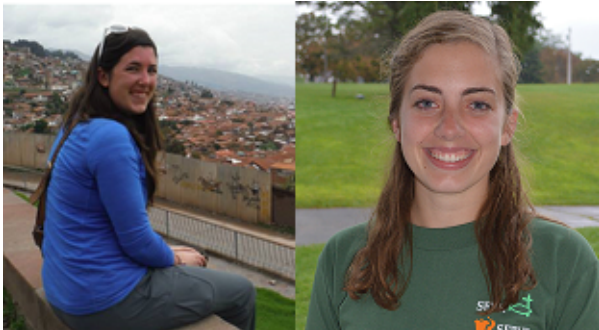
We're over halfway to our international SMTS goal! You and your fellow international



society, so that you can then use that knowledge to work for justice. As a JV, you are called to change the attitudes and structures, both personal and societal, which create poverty, oppression, and waste the Earth.

Want to know what doing justice as a JV is really like? Take a look at the reflections by these two JVs:

Jacqueline Shrader (pictured below, left) leads social and pastoral programs at the Jesuit parish in Andahuaylillas, Peru. Click [here](#) to read her take on what's commonly known as "voluntourism."



Jamie Hitro (pictured above, right), a domestic JV in her second year, is a resident care aide at Joseph's House in Washington, DC. Her [written reflection](#), originally published in the JVC Magazine, demonstrates that oftentimes, the work JVs do for justice comes in the form of compassionate accompaniment and a humble offering of loving presence.

Start exposing yourself to Social Justice issues around the world by checking out some of the below news sites:

- [Education For Justice](#)
- [Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center](#)
- [National Catholic Reporter](#)
- [Ignatian Solidarity Network](#)
- [Sojourners – Faith in Action for Social Justice](#)
- [Democracy Now!](#)
- [Films for Action](#)
- [The Atlantic City Lab](#)
- [America Magazine](#)

Use the [JV Facebook Page](#) to share other ideas and resources!

Preparation for the Journey

In your JVC application process, you took time to reflect on the privileges you have been blessed with in your life, and how these privileges could be a barrier to building relationships and being in

JVs have raised \$29,640 so far! Great work!

Congrats to these JVs for surpassing the \$3,000 goal!

Nicole McCoy, Micronesia, \$5,925!!

Robert Callus, Tanzania, has raised \$5,635!!

Joe Lenz, Micronesia, has raised \$3,440!!

Sarah Garwood, Belize, has raised \$3,425!!

Bryan Alamillo, Micronesia, has raised \$3,000!!

Some other early departure highlights:

Courtney Kern, Micronesia, \$2,550!

Alyssa Perez, Belize, \$2,000!

Ava Gagliardi, Belize, 26 donors and counting!

And some late departure highlights!

Katie Coffey, Tanzania, \$1,735!

Jeremy DaCruz, Nicaragua, \$1,710!

Maddie LaForge, Peru, \$1,255!

Lauren Ross, Peru, 15 donors and counting!

Keep up the good work everyone!

NJV Resource Page

Find the info you need

solidarity with those you will work with as JV. In this section, we will continue to discuss the idea of privilege.

Privilege can be defined as a right, advantage, or immunity granted to or enjoyed by a certain group of individuals beyond the common advantage of all others. In many cases, privilege can be seen as an exemption from certain burdens or liabilities.

eq·ui·ty *ek-wi-tee*, noun.

Just and fair inclusion. An equitable society is one in which all can participate and prosper. The goals of equity must be to create conditions that allow all to reach their full potential. In short, equity creates a path from hope to change.

Join the Conversation at EquityBlog.org

Reflect on any advantages or rights you have had in your life thus far that other individuals do not.

White Privilege

In her article "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack", Peggy McIntosh challenges readers to examine what it means to have white privilege. She describes this type of privilege as an "invisible weightless knapsack of special provisions, maps, passports, codebooks, visas, clothes, tools, and blank checks."

Take some time to read more about this topic in Peggy McIntosh's full article [here](#). As Peggy describes in her article, learning about and describing this type of privilege makes white people newly accountable to themselves and to society.

What are you be carrying in your "knapsack" that your fellow JVs or those that you will serve might not have the advantage of carrying? What will you do to lessen or end it?

Princeton student Tal Fortang wrote a university op-ed piece on privilege in April 2014 that spurred much debate. Read his article and then the two responses below. While reading them, reflect on your own understanding of privilege. What is your current understanding of privilege? How (if at all) has that changed over time?

[Tal Fortang - Checking My Privilege](#)
[Dear Privileged at Princeton](#)
[My White Privilege](#)

Another great resource for continued reading about social justice and the anti-racism movement is the CrossRoads Antiracism Organizing & Training website. CrossRoads works to dismantle racism and has worked with JVC to provide training to all of our staff. Click [here](#) to go to their website for more great resources and articles.

Check out the New JV Resource page [here](#)! The page has been created to compile all of the resources you will be receiving until Orientation and departure. Please bookmark this page and check back often for archived versions of emails you receive as well as other forms and important information.

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