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# Wealth and Poverty | Spring Field Trip to African Immigrant Communities in Columbus

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The [Wealth and Poverty theme](#) is sponsoring two field trips in March to help OHIO students and faculty members “get to know their community better.” The first one is to visit African immigrant communities in Columbus on Saturday, March 18, while the second one is to see mining towns in Appalachia on Marce 25.

## Field Trip to African Immigrant Communities in Columbus



**Leader:** Dr. Edna Wangui (Geography)

**Time:** Saturday, March 18, from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. (estimate)

**Meeting Place:** GoBus stop outside the first floor entrance of Baker (arrive by 8:20 a.m.)

## Field Trip to Appalachian Communities

**Leaders:** Dr. Barry Tadlock (Political Science) and Dr. Rachel Terman (Sociology)

**Time:** Saturday, March 25, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (estimate)

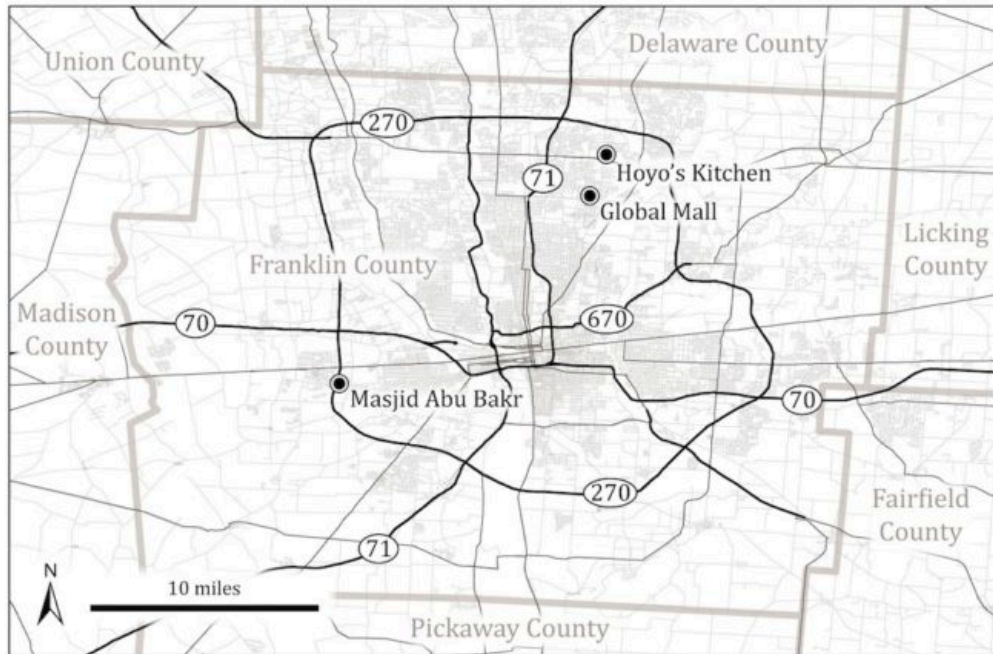
**Meeting Place:** GoBus stop outside the first floor entrance of Baker (arrive by 8:50 a.m.)

These field trips are free and open to all Ohio University students and Wealth and Poverty members and their friends. Please contact the field trip leader(s) or Dr. Yeong, if you would like to go on either trip.

## Field Trip to African Immigrant Communities in Columbus

**March 18 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**

To register for the field trip, send an email to Dr. Edna Wangui [wangui@ohio.edu](mailto:wangui@ohio.edu) by the end of the day on March 15.



On March 18, there will be a field trip to recent African immigrants living in the Columbus area. The trip is sponsored by the Wealth and Poverty Theme. Some of the questions that will be explored on the trip include: Who are the immigrants? In what ways do they benefit their new country? In what ways do they engage with their countries of origin? How does Islamophobia affect them? We will explore the diversity of African nationalities represented in the city, the role of religious institutions, migrants' role in revitalizing parts of the city and their far-reaching influences in their countries of origin. We will make three stops during the field trip:

Stop 1 – Global Mall, 2210 Morse Road A1, 43229

The first stop is Global Mall to examine the concept of **immigrantification** – a process where immigrants play a vital role in revitalizing urban areas across the United States. The Global Mall is one example of immigrantification in the Columbus area.

Stop 2 – Hoyo's Kitchen 5788 Columbus Square, Columbus, OH 43231

The trip includes a lunch discussion at Hoyo's Kitchen. Participants will hear from officials working in **health and education** of Somalis, as well as Somali's actively engaged in **policy** in their home country. Students will learn what the nature of these local and international engagements are and hear about **Islamophobia** and the impact of the recent **travel ban**, taking some time to look at the businesses in the vicinity of Hoyo's Kitchen. Participants will note the national diversity of the businesses represented in the area. This is yet another example of immigrantification.

Stop 3: Masjid Abu Baker, 591 Industrial Mile Road, Columbus 43228

The tour ends at the Masjid Abubakar Islamic Center where students will learn about the center, its history and central role among Somali and other **immigrant communities** in the Columbus area. The Masjid offers impressive evidence of what immigrant communities typically achieve in their new home countries.