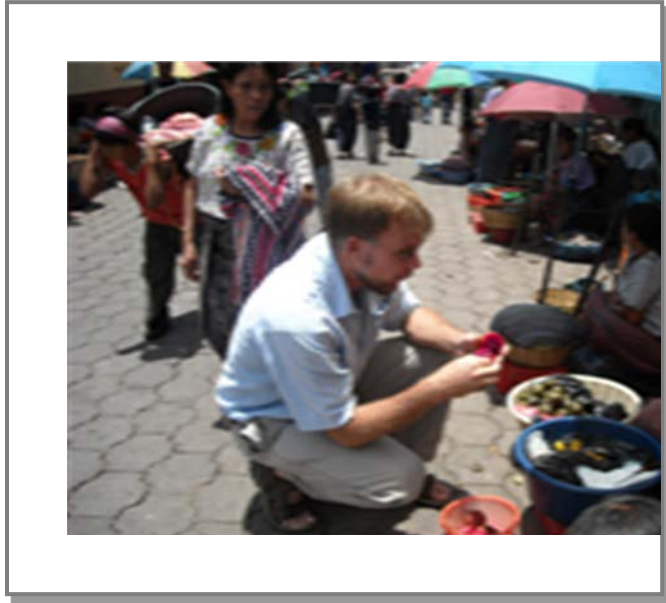


FGCU Faculty Member Receives Fulbright Award

The United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board are pleased to announce that Michael R. McDonald, Ph.D., Professor of Anthropology at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) has been selected as a Fulbright Scholar and will travel to the Republic of Croatia to teach in the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Zadar during the 2012 academic year.

A founding faculty member in FGCU's College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. McDonald has led the development of FGCU's Anthropology Program, won several awards for teaching and service and has focused his scholarly interests on the anthropology of food and nutrition. Whilst abroad, Professor McDonald will continue his ethnological research on changes in local foodways including especially the imminent effects that EU membership will have on household wine-making customs of the Dalmatian Islands. In addition, Dr. McDonald will consult with administrators and faculty members at the University of Zadar on matters of curriculum development and offer seminars on the anthropology of food.



Dr. McDonald is one of approximately 1100 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad this year through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program. The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange program, is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Since its establishment in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Program has provided approximately 294,000 people – 108,160 Americans who have studied, taught or researched abroad and 178,340 students, scholars and teachers from other countries who have engaged in similar activities in the United States – with the opportunity to observe each other's' political, economic, educational and cultural institutions, to exchange ideas and to embark on joint ventures of importance to the general welfare of the world's inhabitants. The Program operates in over 155 countries worldwide. Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.