





MIGRANT HEALTH Service-learning pilot

Tucson, Arizona

May 28-June 6, 2022

PILOT IDEA

2020: First trip planned to Casa Alitas but cancelled due to COVID two days before departure!

2022: Moira visited Tucson and revived the idea & added some experiences with migrant-serving organizations

CONCEPT

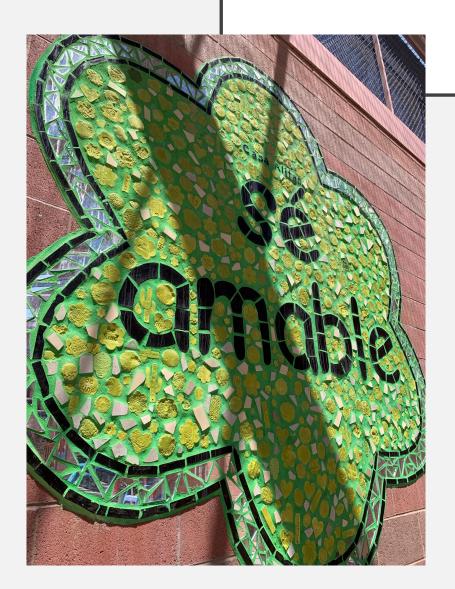
- INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM: med students/faculty, residents, public health students/faculty
- EXPLORING THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE BORDER HEALTH EXPERIENCE THROUGH:
 - Pre-departure training (expectations, PsychFirstAid, desert prep, team agreements)
 - shared living space (airbnb)
 - Service learning at migrant shelter (Casa Alitas)
 - Border exploration w/Tucson humanitarian orgs.
 - Assigned brief presentations and discussion (Policies, Gender, Desert Challenges, Children, Trauma, Language Justice)
 - Daily Guided Reflection over shared meals
 - Final Integrative Paper



GROUP LIFE

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS





CASA ALITAS

- Casa Alitas is a program of Arizona's Catholic Community Services org
- Provide assistance to migrants who have just been granted asylum cases
 - COVID testing and vaccines, food, clothing, temporary shelter, assistance in getting to sponsor family (e.g., transport to airport)
- Supported by volunteers



TUCSON SAMARITANS

- A people of conscience and faith who render humanitarian aid to migrants in distress in the Tucson Sector of the Arizona/Mexico border.
- Thorough training
- Water runs, look for migrants in need of aid/support
- 2022: 318 migrants encountered

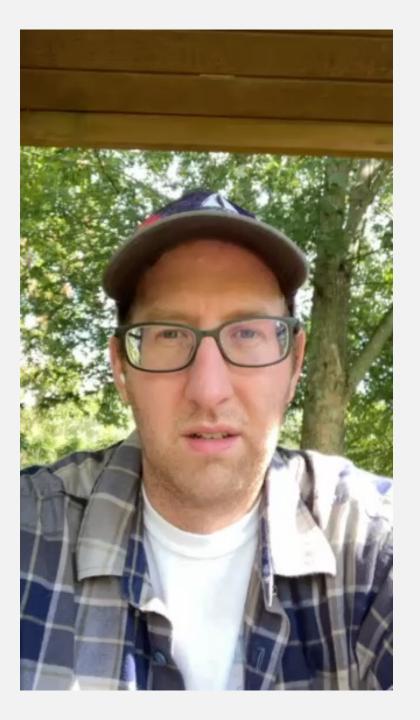


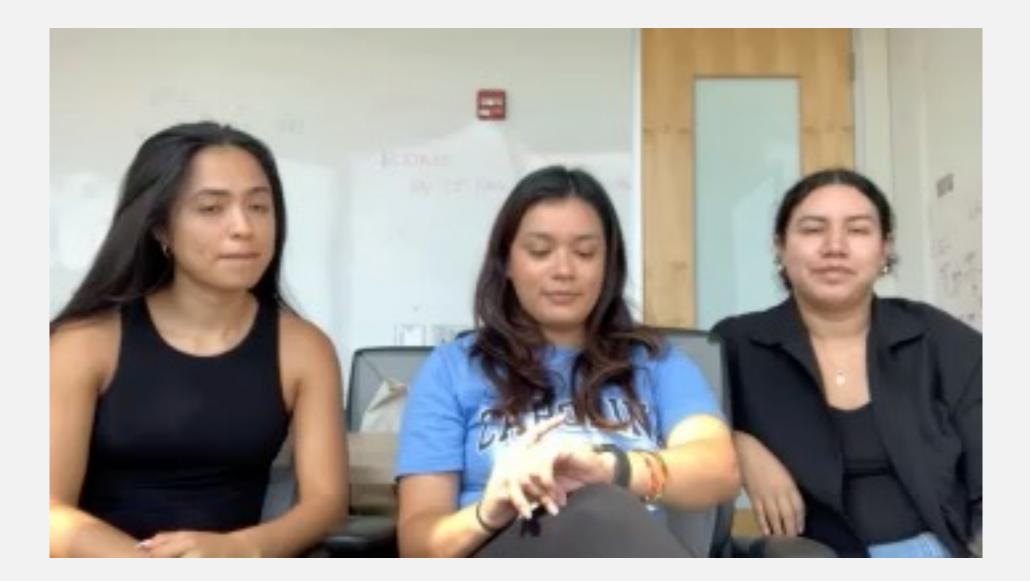
HUMANE BORDERS

- Mission: to save desperate people from death by dehydration and exposure and to create a just and humane environment in the borderlands.
- Almost exclusively volunteer run
- Water stations throughout the Sonoran Desert
 - 55-gallon blue plastic barrels with spigots
- Water runs, ID trips, Casa Esperanza (Sasabe, Mexico)

PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIES

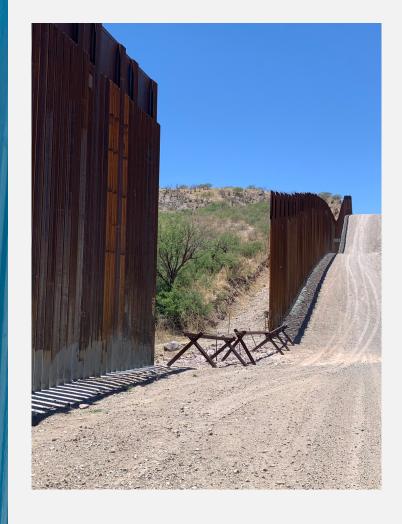








UNWANTED Members of any vigilante border militia group, including, but not limited to AZ Border Recon Do Not Enter our establishment. We have the right to refuse service to any person or persons we deem undesirable.







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FINAL EXCURSION: ARIZONA DESERT MUSEUM



2023 MIGRANT HEALTH SERVICE LEARNING

PLANS

Team-taught Course: Dr. Laura Torres Villa (Gillings SPH) & Dr. Moira Rogers (OGHE) May 26-June 4, TUCSON EXPERIENCE – Dr. Evan Ashkin to join as second OGHE/SOM faculty

Clinical Rotations & PH Practicums – 2 weeks continuing on from Tucson experience (limited number of participants)

APPLICATIONS: open Nov. I, due Nov 15 (& course registration tba shortly)



QUESTIONS?

Thank you! Come see us! 1002 Bondurant Moira_rogers@med.unc.edu