



**More community &
more empathy &
more social action &
more virtual.**



Site Specific Presentation Topics and Guest Speakers

Community partners are available to join a course as a guest speaker for one or multiple classes. Amizade will support the coordination between your faculty and the community partner guest speaker. Site specific presentation and guest speakers cost from \$50-\$100.

This list includes site-specific guest speaker and presentation options that we currently offer. If you find one you're interested in, please email volunteer@amizade.org.

If you want to hear from a certain community partner OR about any specific topic not listed here, please reach out to us. Let us know your vision and we're happy to talk with our friends around the world and work to create your desired learning experience!

> Appalachia | Williamson, WV

Williamson, a rural coal-mining town in Mingo County, West Virginia, once boasted a population of almost 50,000 residents. With the help of a thriving coal economy in the mid-20th century, jobs and education were accessible and abundant. In recent years, however, like much of rural West Virginia, Williamson has suffered from the coal mining industry's collapse. Added to the town's troubles were a series of terrible floods, and subsequent de-population. As the town struggles to keep its population above 3,000, the community faces an uncertain future, and must create ways to redefine itself. Local organizations and community members have come together in various networks to address community priorities, including; healthy and wellbeing, economic development, food security, and addiction.



Community Partner or Guest Speaker	Presentation Topics
WHWC: Darrin McCormick	Positive work in Williamson, community engagement, What Williamson Health and Wellness Center is and does.
Able Families: Marlene Spaulding	Poverty
WHWC: Behavioral Medicine Clinic: Durrand Warren	Addiction
Nate Siggers	Racism in rural WV

> Brazil | Santarem

Santarém is the largest city in the Para state. It is a city located at the confluence of the Tapajós and Amazon Rivers with a population of over 250,000. It is also the founding place of our organization! Soy and rice production are the current major industries in the area, and the social and environmental impact of a growing agribusiness sector, are central concerns for governments, businesses, nonprofits and whole communities of people. Poverty at the city’s periphery is characterized by inadequate housing, poor health indicators, and limited educational opportunities. Connect with Santarem to learn about its history, culture, their efforts with respect to global health, biodiversity in the area, Brazil’s political system and public policies, and more.

	Community Partner or Guest Speaker	Presentation Topics
	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Health • Biodiversity • Brazilian public policies (Inequality in the community)

> Italy | Northern Italy

Trentino is an Alpine province in North-East Italy, in the very heart of the European continent. As a mountain borderland rich in ancient trading routes, it historically functioned as a bridge between Latin Southern European cultures and Germanic Northern European ones. Its singular physical geography makes it a microcosm of climates and environments, which range from mild Mediterranean valley bottoms to highlands and glaciers. Trentino society is the result of the interaction of these natural and human factors across the centuries, which produced a wealth of unique traditions and memories, economic and political institutions, and cultural practices. Dolomit-Learning Experiences for the Curious was created to make this fascinating area accessible to international students through interactive and community-based educational programs, thanks to a network of local partners that promote the local heritage and experiment with innovative practices.

		Community Partner or Guest Speaker	Presentation Topics
		Dolomit: Juri Bottura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of Italy, Past and Present of Transnational Alpine Region and Europe • Latin American Affairs, with a focus on Brazil • 20th Century History • Public History and Heritage Studies • COVID-19 Crisis in Italy and Europe • Environmental, social, and cultural global issues

> Jamaica | Petersfield

Jamaica is the birthplace of Amizade’s Fair Trade Learning techniques. Connect with Petersfield to learn about topics such as Jamaica’s history, education system, the history of reggae, and about the work of a local community development organization, Petersfield Galloway Benevolent Society.



Community Partner or Guest Speaker	Presentation Topics
Petersfield Galloway Benevolent Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamaican Education System • The History of Reggae • The History of Jamaica • The History and Experience of the Petersfield Galloway Benevolent Society as a community development organization

> New Zealand | Dunedin

Dunedin is a city on the southeast coast of the South Island that is known for its Scottish and Maori heritage. Scottish settlement in the area dates back to the mid 1800s, though archeological evidence shows Maori occupation dates to a far earlier time. Dunedin has a large student population as it is home to the country’s oldest university, the University of Otago. As a coastal city with a range of different ecologies, it also has an abundance of wildlife. To connect with Dunedin means to learn about Maori values, customs, New Zealand’s role in climate change, its political system, social issues and organizations that work to address them, farming, the importance of wetlands, native plants, freshwater ecology, and so much more.



Community Partner or Guest Speaker	Presentation Topics
Kiri Parata	Maori values, customs, and language
Joe Lleywen	Peace & Conflict Studies: Non-violence globally and in NZ
Kristen Jack	Cross-culture Conflict and Resolution
Gavin Landreth	Generational Farms, economical issues with farming, NZ's triumphs as first country to successfully set up frozen meat shipments.
Aaron Hawkins - Dunedin's first Green	New Zealand's role in climate change. (May need to pre-record session)

Party (and current) Mayor	
Glen Riley	Importance of wetlands, native plants, habitat restoration, and freshwater ecology
Sophie Horton	New Zealand Geography
Arran Murch	Geology and Volcanology of NZ

> Poland

Connect with Poland, the European Union’s 5th most populous country, and learn about the country's past and its future. From your home or your classroom, talk with Anna Kraus to learn about Holocaust Remembrance, the history of the Jewish community in Poland, to hear stories from the Warsaw Ghetto, and more.

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	Community Partner or Guest Speaker	Presentation Topics
	Anna Kraus	Between West and East: History of Poland
	Anna Kraus	Paradise of Jews? History of the Jewish community in Poland
	Anna Kraus	Who will write our history? Stories from the Warsaw Ghetto
	Anna Kraus	Holocaust Remebrance in Poland from 1946 until 2020