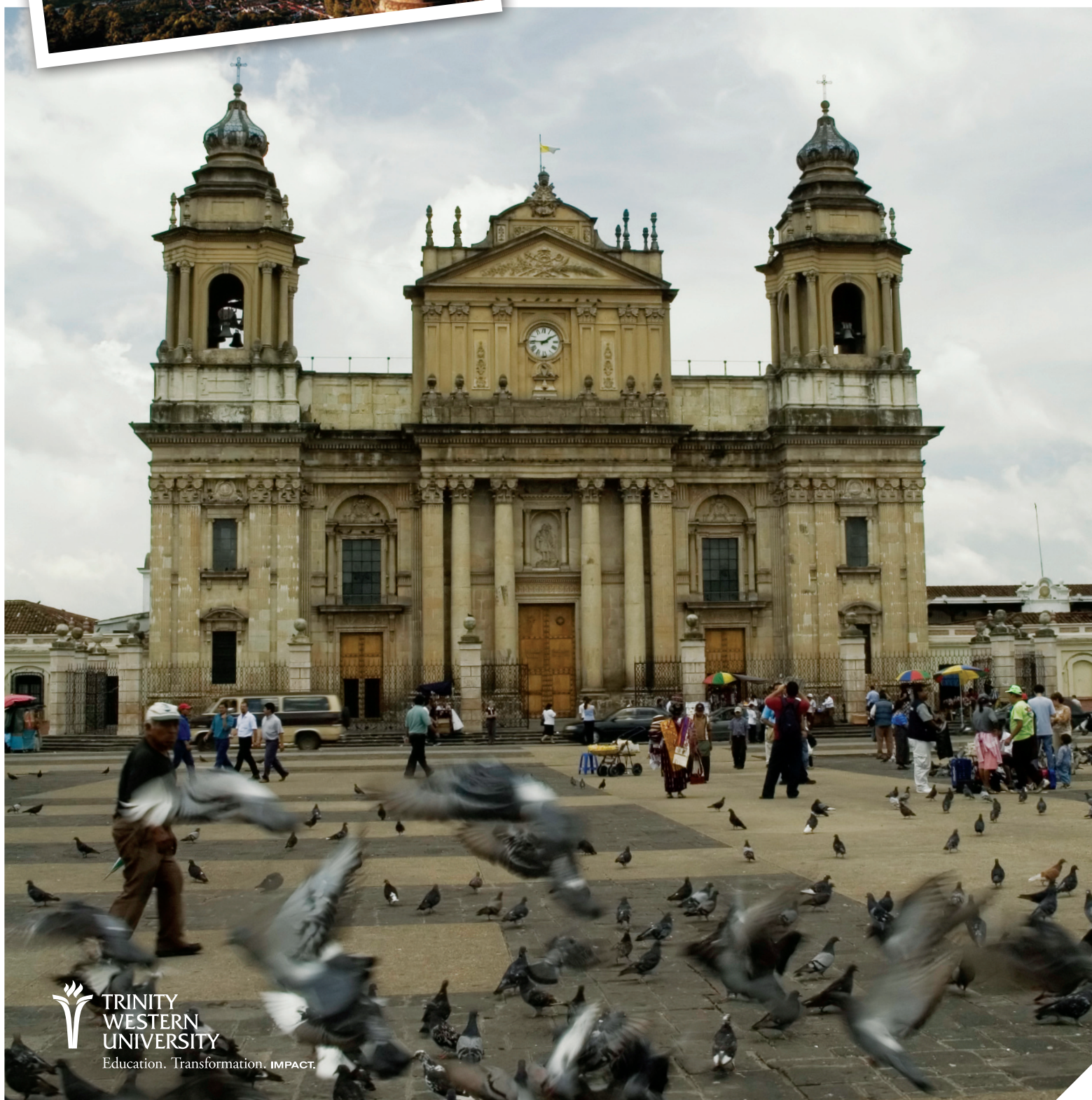




# Guatemala & Honduras

RELIGIOUS STUDIES/SPANISH MAY 2011

Trinity Western University Travel Studies



An unparalleled opportunity to live, travel, study and serve in another culture – The context is the classroom.

Participate in community service in a cross-cultural environment while taking university courses. This broad-ranging program integrates class material with practical experience while living in the stimulating setting of Central America.

Regular activities include riding colourful local buses, shopping in open air markets, touring World Heritage sites in the vibrant Spanish colonial city of Antigua, and sipping locally-grown coffee in courtyard cafes. We travel to Pacific Ocean beaches, hike up an active volcano, and make extended trips to wonders of the ancient world – the crater lake of Atitlan, and the Mayan ruins of Honduras. Additionally, a special feature of the program is the opportunity for volunteer service such as teaching ESL in schools, helping in orphanages, clinics, a fair-trade coffee company, or churches. Several days are also spent assisting a mission located in the interior highlands of Guatemala.

Are you up to the exciting challenge?



## INSTRUCTORS



**Joanne Pepper, Ph.D.**

Having lived in numerous cross-cultural contexts, Joanne brings to TWU expertise in theology, worldview studies and religion. She has studied and worked in Canada, the USA, Great Britain, Portugal and Brazil, and holds degrees in both Religious Studies and Social Sciences. Currently the Coordinator of Intercultural Religious Studies at TWU, Joanne has spent terms of missionary ministry in Latin America, Southeast Asia and the former Soviet Union. Together with her husband Slava, Joanne actively serves in a Spanish-speaking Evangelical church.



**Slava Petlitsa, M.A., M.L.E.**

Born and raised in Eastern Europe, Slava has lived in multicultural and multilingual societies all his life. He has earned degrees in Science, Philology (languages), Biblical Studies, and Linguistics. Additionally, Slava holds the Nivel Superior of the Diploma de Espanol awarded by the Ministry of Education of Spain. He has been an instructor in Modern Languages at TWU for several years. In conjunction with the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, Slava has participated in academic programs in Costa Rica and Nicaragua. Additionally, he has taught in colleges in both Cuba and Guatemala, and worked with a mission in Mexico. Slava and his wife, Joanne, minister in Christian education in a Canadian Spanish-speaking church, where the congregation is comprised of immigrants from Central America.

## COURSES

### RELS 250 · NT Book Study: John

A course devoted to the study of the gospel of John (for non-Religious Studies majors only).

*Prerequisite(s): RELS 101, 102 or permission of instructor*

### RELS 271 · Western World Religions

This course provides a general introduction to the study of world religions as well as an historical and structural survey of Islam, Mayan religion, Roman Catholic and Evangelical Christianity, Mormonism, New Age and other religions in the West.

### RELS 380 · Cross-Cultural/Missions Practicum

A supervised short-term cross-cultural or missionary internship. A variety of ministry possibilities may be tailored to students' individual interests and gifting.

### RELS 384 · Religion, Contextualization & Culture Change

This course examines social, historical, and spiritual dynamics of culture change and analyzes those processes which help make the Christian Gospel relevant in a constantly changing world.

### SPAN 101 or 102 · Introduction to Spanish

Students will begin or continue to develop communication skills in Spanish, using activities designed to practice speaking, increase vocabulary, understand grammar, and develop fundamental reading and writing skills. Combined classroom and real life learning will establish a strong foundation in Spanish.

*Prerequisite: For SPAN 102, SPAN 101 or equivalent is required. Students that come with other previous background should be assessed by the instructor.*

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