

BAYIMBA CULTURAL FOUNDATION

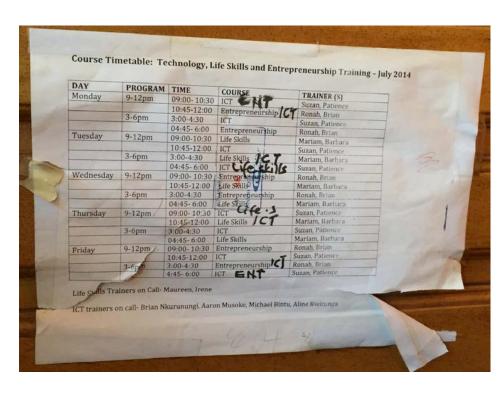
KAMPALA, UGANDA

Project + Assignments

- Main Project: External Analysis
- Other Assignments: Practical Musicians Workshop, Photography Workshop, and Mbale Regional Festival

Main Project: External Analysis

- Bayimba Cultural Foundation is planning on establishing its own arts school to be ready by 2017
- As a result, I did an environmental scan on current educational programs in Uganda on sectors of art: music, dance, drama, design, and journalism.
 - I focused on three main areas:
 - 1) The program courses, structure, costs
 - 2) Teachers number, qualifications, salaries
 - Reception number and demographic of students, their futures
 - 4) Reflection strengths and weaknesses
- Though some information was found online, a large majority was gathered through interviews and physical papers given (example on right)

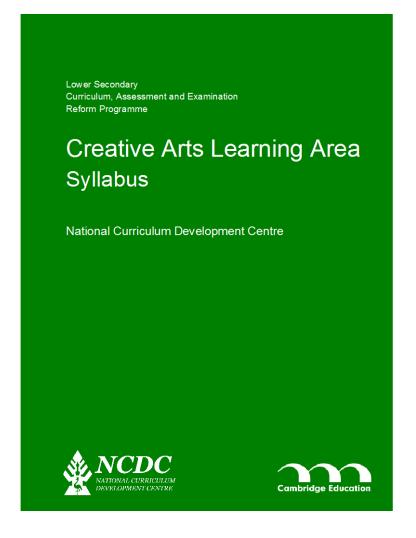




Mbale School Band

Most of interviews required me to travel within Kampala. However an exception was the Mbale School Brass Band, which I visited during the Bayimba Mbale Regional Festival. A photo of their rehearsal I took that day is above – July 3, 2015.

Impact of the Research



- A lot of the information I gathered was directly from local artists, teachers including major university department heads, and policy makers. However, it's harder for a local to acquire this information than a foreigner, so the research I did will help them prepare more in establishing their own school, as they know more about their competition and the struggles they've faced.
- Also, the secondary school curriculum is soon being radically changed for 2017, and it will require creative arts to be part of the education program for the first time. I obtained a draft of the syllabus before it has been officially published.

Practical Musician Workshop

Aside from my main project with the external scan, I also helped with a couple of Bayimba workshops, part of the Bayimba Academy, including the Practical Musician Workshop.

I helped prepare the workshop and assisted the registration process on the audition day. The photo on the right includes all the newly admitted students with their teachers and Bayimba organizers.



Photography Workshop + Mbale Regional Festival

- Bayimba had it's Regional Festival in Mbale on July 4, 2015
 - During the festival, I helped in the uploading of photos taken of the event by Geoff Walker to post online
 - Also assisted in the set-up of the photography workshop held before the festival in Mbale







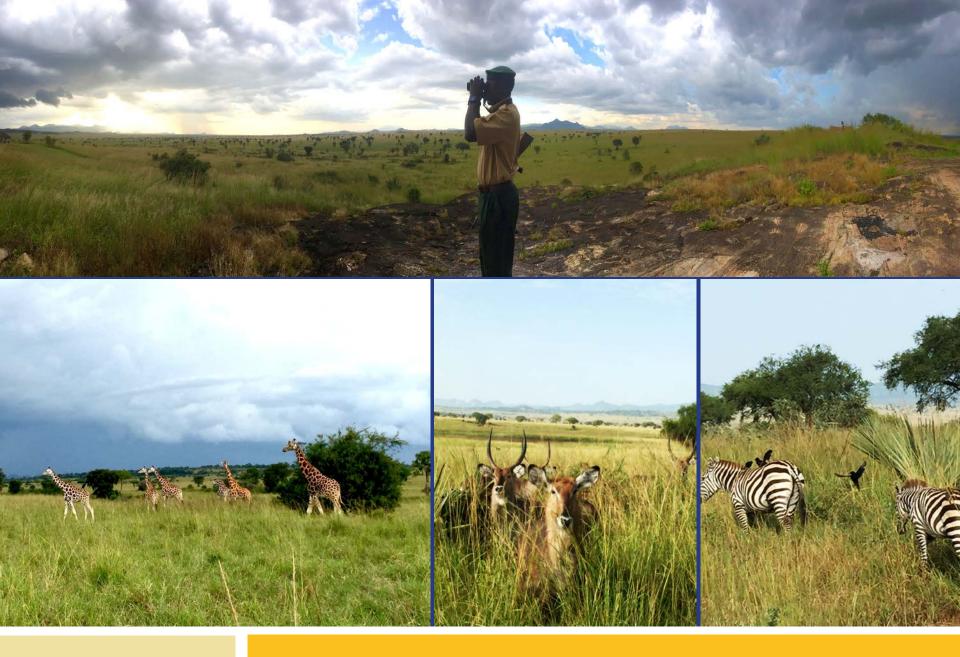






Cultural Experiences

- World Music Day
- Mbale Regional Festival
- Mabira Forest
- Entebbe Beach
- Ssese Island in Lake Victoria



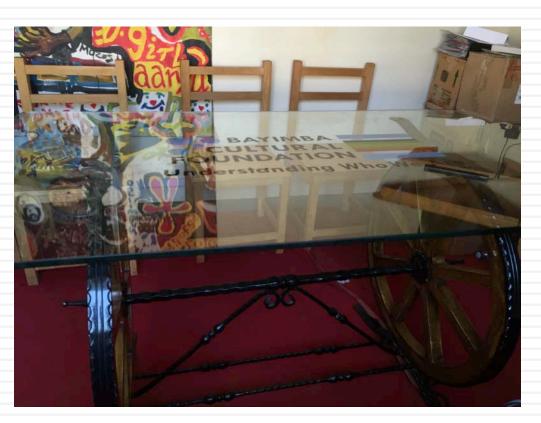
Safari at Kidepo National Park

Bayimba Family Farewell

The Bayimba office was so sweet and threw Valerie and I a farewell party with all the staff and several local artists. They brought drinks and roasted a goat for the party!



Impact on Personal Future



This internship confirmed to me that I definitely want to work closely with people in the future and encouraged me to take more anthropological classes on campus. It was an extremely rewarding and memorable experience.