The MDP Program Offers:

• Curriculum that integrates global health, natural sciences, social sciences and development management
• Faculty expertise and active engagement in international development
• Opportunities to build specialized skills
• Hands-on international field experiences
• A multi-cultural setting located in Tucson, Arizona, with close proximity to the US/Mexico border
• The most affordable MDP offered by a major student-centered research university
• In-State Tuition Rates for all students

MDP students present at Sustainable Development Conference

In September, MDP students traveled to Columbia University in New York City to present their research at the 2nd Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development Practice. The theme of the conference was "Advancing Evidence-Based Solutions for the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda. The MDP students' presentations included:

• "Fuelwood, Deforestation, and Climate Change: An Analysis of Consumption Patterns, Impacts and Alternatives in Lombok, Indonesia" by Natalie Lucas

• "Entrepreneurial Education: a mechanism to address gender-based inequalities and economic disparities" by Kara Luebbering and Brittany John

Student Photo Exhibit

On Oct. 23rd, MDP students will inaugurate a photo exhibition at Cafe Passe located in downtown Tucson. The exhibit will include images from MDP students' recent experiences on their summer practicum. Photos relate to issues such as migration in Southern Mexico, public health in the Dominican Republic, indigenous rights in Indonesia, child protection in Romania, and food security in Benin West. The exhibit is free and open to the public. **Oct. 23rd, 5 - 7 pm at 415 N. 4th Ave.**

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Meet MDP Student Chantel Welch

Q: Chantel, what motivated you to pursue the MDP program at the University of Arizona?

After spending nearly 3 years in rural Madagascar with the Peace Corps, I realized that there were large gaps in my knowledge base that I wanted to address before heading back into the development world. As I didn't have a specific focus for future jobs, the multidisciplinary aspect of MDP appealed to me.

Q: Every MDP student is required to conduct a summer practicum in development practice. Can you tell us a bit about your recent summer practicum experience?

For my summer practicum, I spent nine weeks in Myanmar monitoring and evaluating Farmer-to-Farmer programs conducted by Winrock International. It was a great experience to see extension agents from the United States donating their time to work with small-scale fishery managers, coffee growers, and organic farmers in both urban and rural areas. I am still volunteering part-time with Winrock, assisting their new volunteers and, hopefully, working on some GIS projects with the local staff.

Q: How do you hope to use your degree once you finish the MDP program?

I plan to stay stateside for the first few years post-graduation, getting to know the inner workings of NGOs before possibly heading back into the field. My focus for MDP is on sustainable systems for refugee camps, and I would love to work with an organization that is interested in similar projects.