

**Towson University**  
**Life in New Zealand as a Signer: Deaf People's Perspective**  
**Summer 2010**

(Subject to change)

<b>Sunday, June 13</b>	Depart U.S.
<b>Tuesday, June 15</b>  <i>Welcome to Auckland</i>	Check into accommodation. Orientation. Lunch included. Sightseeing tour of Auckland on the Explorer Bus. Visit the Auckland Sky Tower. Welcome dinner. Overnight in Auckland.
<b>Wednesday, June 16</b>  <i>A Society that Recognizes Signed Language</i>	Breakfast included. Lecture: "Martha's Vineyard – The Concept of Signed Language Community" (Jody Cripps, TU). Lecture: "Deaf People in New Zealand" (Lynette Pivac, AUT). Excursion to Rangitoto Island (by ferry). Overnight in Auckland.
<b>Thursday, June 17</b>  <i>Deaf Services and Deaf Education in New Zealand</i>	Breakfast included. Visit Kelston Deaf Education Centre. Lecture: "Deaf Education in New Zealand" (David Foster, KDEC principal and CEO). Visit the Deaf Association of New Zealand. Lecture: "Deaf Services and Its Goals in New Zealand" (Victoria Skorikova, DANZ). Overnight in Auckland.
<b>Friday, June 18</b>  <i>Auckland Deaf Society</i>	Breakfast included. Excursion to Tiritiri Matangi Island – bird and wildlife sanctuary. Lunch included. Tour of the Auckland Deaf Society Deaf Club. Lecture: "Auckland Deaf Club" (Roger Wyrill, ADS). Dinner included. Overnight in Auckland.

<p><b>Saturday, June 19</b></p> <p><i>Experience New Zealand</i></p>	<p>Breakfast included.  Travel to Rotorua by bus.  Excursion to the Buried Village of Te Wairoa including a visit to the Te Wairoa Falls and a native bush walk.  Overnight Marae experience at the Ohinemutu settlement including traditional Marae welcome and dinner.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, June 20</b></p> <p><i>Experience New Zealand</i></p>	<p>Breakfast included.  Travel by bus to Taupo.  Free time in Taupo.  Travel by bus to Wellington.  Check into accommodation.  Overnight in Wellington.</p>
<p><b>Monday, June 21</b></p> <p><i>Welcome to Wellington</i></p>	<p>Breakfast included.  Walking tour of Wellington.  Lord of the Rings tour.  Overnight in Wellington.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, June 22</b></p> <p><i>New Zealand Sign Language</i></p>	<p>Breakfast included.  Lecture: “New Zealand Sign Language and Its History” (David and Rachel McKee, Victoria University of Wellington).  Tour of Office of Disability Issues and Parliament.  Lecture: “Government Advisor on the NZSL Bill” (Victoria Manning, Human Rights Commissioner).  Overnight in Wellington.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, June 23</b></p> <p><i>Experience of a Deaf Maori</i></p>	<p>Breakfast included.  Visit the Deaf Association of New Zealand.  Lecture: “Life of a Deaf Maori” (Karen Pointon, DANZ).  Visit the Te Papa Museum and the Pataka Museum .  Farewell dinner.  Student presentations.  Guest speaker (Samuel Supalla).  Overnight in Wellington.</p>
<p><b>Thursday, June 24</b></p>	<p>Breakfast included.  Return to U.S.</p>