To All Social Work Alumni
Let’s go to India!

You are invited to accompany social work faculty and MSW students on a trip to India!

For the last two years, as many of you may know, the School of Social Work has led a group of faculty and students to Bangalore, India. This will be our third annual trip, and we are extending the opportunity to alumni for the first time!

This year we are co-sponsoring the International Conference on Community Health and Food Security with St. Joseph’s College in Bangalore, December 15-16. Should you join us, you will attend this conference and receive up to 20 CEUs. Since you will be attending a professional conference, the entire cost of this trip should be an itemized tax write-off for you (but you should consult with your accountant to be sure of this).

Most of the group will be leaving on Friday, December 8, and returning on Wednesday, December 20. However, you can leave and return anytime you wish prior to the conference and after the conference. Those who stay until December 20 will have the opportunity to visit the Taj Mahal on the way out of India!

The cost of the trip will be in the $2,500 to $3,000 range, depending on how long you want to stay and airfare. I will personally work with you to arrange the least expensive trip possible. I have been going to India for 40 years, and know how to do this! The costs, besides airfare, include:

- Sharing a hotel room—$500 to $1,000. There are very nice hotels that run from $100 to $200 a night for a double bed room.
- Food—you can eat very well on $15 or less a day.
- Indian visa—$150. You will have to have a current American passport with at least 6 months left on it after December 6, 2017. I am happy to help you fill out your visa application.
- Conference registration—$250

In addition:
- You will be met at the airport when you arrive and we will help you with transfers to and from the airport to your hotel.
- You will be assigned an Indian MSW student who will accompany you the entire time you are in Bangalore.
- The optional Taj Mahal trip will cost about $200, which will include sharing a room for one night, food, transportation to the Taj Mahal, and the Taj Mahal ticket.
• I will personally work with you every step of the way to make sure everything is covered, give you a complete pre-trip orientation, and will be with you in India, as well.

This experience will change your perspective on the world in ways you cannot even imagine. Please let me know as soon as possible whether you are interested in going on this trip, as space may be limited. I can be reached at frankela@uncw.edu or by phone at 910-352-5685.