Scholars Mexico Study Abroad
May 8-28, 2016

**Location:** Merida, Yucatan, Mexico

**Faculty:** Ignacio Corona, Associate Professor Literatures and Cultures, Department of Spanish & Portuguese

**Local University:** University Marista de Merida (We will interact with faculty and students there, but the trip is 100% through Ohio State)

**Course:** Spanish 2510, Spring Semester

**Date:** May 8-28, 2016 (Tentative)

**Price:** TBD

**Description:** The study abroad trip will take an interdisciplinary approach to the distinct history, culture, and natural environment of the Yucatan peninsula. Students will explore tourism and the main role it plays in issues of socio-economic development, the preservation of important historical sites, protection of the environment, and local Indigenous culture. The trip will consist of lectures and interactive learning opportunities with local faculty, scholars, and community leaders, as well as field trips, discussion sessions and documentaries/film lessons from locals in the field.

We will be working with students and faculty from the Universidad Marista de Merida who will be providing us a local connection to the spring semester course (Spanish 2510). Students will also visit the caves of Gruta de Lol-Tun, Mayan pyramids of Uxmal, Tulum, and Chichen Itza, several haciendas, the eco-tourist destination at Xcaret, as well as various biospheres, reserves, and beaches along the Mayan Riviera.

**Application:** Students interested need to apply by November 1, through their Buckeye-Link account (Program Name: International Affairs Scholars Mexico). For more information, contact Julie Humbel-Courtney at humbel.1@osu.edu or 292-3135.

**Who:** Open to all first-year and second-year Scholars students

**Where:** Merida (Yucatan), Mexico

**When:** May 8-28, 2016

**Cost:** $3,312