

I would like to share a little bit of my experience here in Mongolia with you.

For your sake and mine, I will not attempt to drag you through a step-by-step detailing of my semester here. I assure you it has been incredibly inspiring and formative; I would be glad to share more with those who are interested!

I am currently in the midst of my Independent Study Project (a month-long course in which students study an area of their choosing). I am studying the implementation of a community-based conservation project in a small village called Tunkhel. I must say that Maria's colleague and former student, Batkhishig, as well as the rest of the MOR2 team have been very accommodating and helpful.

I will return for my final semester as an undergrad at CSU in the spring semester of 2016. The intervening months will be occupied by field work for the Learning from the Land Project and a Ranch and Range Management Internship at Rock Hills Ranch in South Dakota.

So without further delay, here are some photos that I have taken along my way:



*My home since February, Ulaanbaatar.*



*My neighborhood in Ulaanbaatar for much of the program.*



*The view of the ger district from my homestay family's apartment.*



*Countryside family + lamb.*



*Herding the flock down to the river alongside my brother, Adiyasuren.*



*My home for a couple weeks.*



*Post-soccer match with the kids*



*At the races.*



*Victory Day fireworks over the Blue Sky Tower in UB*



*Representing CSU camelback!*

Thank you all for your support. I am looking forward to catching up when I return!

My best,

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