

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN HAVANA

Students from American University in Washington, DC, like photojournalism student Chelsea Crandall (at left), are for the first time spending a full semester studying abroad in Havana, Cuba, under the instruction of filmmaker Bill Gentile, director of AU's Backpack Journalism program. Crandall, checking the images on her digital camera during a trip to Old Havana, is an AU senior majoring in International Studies. She's one of six AU students studying at Casa de las Americas, Cuba's premier cultural center, where Gentile is teaching a "Photojournalism and Social Documentary" course. Three Cuban photographers are also taking the class, and in addition his students take four other classes, all taught by leading Cuban professors.

While in Cuba, Gentile is also teaching Backpack Journalism workshops at several locations, including at the Jose Marti International Institute for Journalism.

For more on AU's Backpack Journalism project students and their semester in Havana, please see www.billgentile.com.

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