Program Dates:
May 14 - June 11, 2014

Program Information:
The artistic ties the city of Charleston has with Spoleto are of inestimable value. Students will visit our sister city to write and to study literature, as well as to meet with artists and writers living there, inspiring them to continue their education with an even greater sense of the importance of art, and of writing. Staying at a villa compound located just outside of Spoleto, students will share meals, hold readings, and spend quiet time writing and reading. Each week a special group dinner will feature intensive and lively discussions of the craft of writing. In addition, students will take cooking classes and enjoy day trips to Assisi and into the mountains of the Apennines. The program also features a four day educational excursion to Florence, where students will take guided tours of such important artistic and historical sites as the Uffizi Gallery, the Duomo, and the Accademia Gallery.

Program Directors:

Bret Lott, Department of English, lottb@cofc.edu, 843-953-5664
Bret Lott is Professor of English and Writer-in-Residence at the College of Charleston. The author of thirteen books, including two New York Times bestsellers, his work has been translated into six languages. In 2006, he was named a member of the National Council on the Arts. Mr. Lott has taught students in the study abroad program to Annot, France, and has for the last four summers directed the summer program to Spoleto.

Trish Ward, Department of English, wardp@cofc.edu, 843-953-5650
Trish Ward is Professor of English at the College, specializing in Old and Middle English language and literature. She also teaches courses on J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter series and the works of J.R.R. Tolkien, and her research interests include Arthurian literature, early Irish literature, history of the English language, and paleography. She has led three study abroad programs in Ireland and three in the United Kingdom.

To Apply:
Applications can either be downloaded from the CIE website, http://international.cofc.edu, or picked up in the CIE office in the Multicultural Center, 207 Calhoun St. All applications must be submitted to Gabriela Peschiera, Assistant Director, Center for International Education, peschierag@cofc.edu, 843-953-7823.

The Program fee of $4,986* includes a non-refundable $50 application fee, round-trip airfare, lodging, ground transportation, meal stipend, excursion to Florence, medical insurance, and entrances into sites. TUITION FOR THE COURSES IS NOT INCLUDED.

Application deadline is March 1, 2014. Deposit of $550 will be posted to the student’s MyCharleston account once the application has been submitted to, and approved by, the CIE. Scholarships of up to $1500 are available to CoC students for study abroad. Eligibility is based on demonstrated financial aid and academic merit.