"Flower" When looking through the drawings done by the children the one thing that stood out was the way they drew flowers. The stem, leaf, and root of this mark are copied directly from one of the drawings and represents the way each child drew these parts of the flower. The petals of the flower make the African symbol for wisdom and creativity. The flower is also representative of growth.

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Incubating New Perspectives on Poverty with a Research Lens

“Like most people who go overseas to do development work, I did so expecting to find out what it’s like to be poor… that’s not what happens. Instead you learn what it’s like to be rich, to be fabulously, incomprehensibly bloated with wealth.”

--William Powers, Blue Clay People
Mission


Through immersive travel, the Global Livingston Institute brings students and community leaders together to experience East Africa to incubate innovative solutions to poverty by thinking, listening and then, acting…when necessary.
Vision

- Each year, through research and immersion experiences, the GLI focuses on providing opportunities to experience East Africa via the lens of the people who live and work in Uganda and Rwanda.

- The GLI is building strategic and innovative partnerships in four communities in the region:
  - Kampala, Uganda
  - Lira, Uganda
  - Lake Bunyoni, Uganda
  - Musanze
About the Global Livingston Institute

- GLI serves as an incubator of ideas involving change makers from the United States and East Africa focused on health, education & public management. Founded in 2009, the GLI will eventually be based in the Lake Bunyoni Region of Southern Uganda.

- The institute serves as a research and learning center where students, visiting professors, community leaders and other professionals convene to conduct research, to exchange ideas and to work with other nongovernment organizations to facilitate more strategic and collaborative partnerships between the United States and East Africa.
Named after Johnston Livingston, a visionary entrepreneur and philanthropist from Colorado, GLI is designed to cultivate a more global understanding of the context of poverty and its impact on fostering more healthy communities.

The institute is intended to take students and community leaders out of their comfort zone and challenge their notions of poverty and how we go about responding to it.

The intention is to engage these perspectives and form solution-based insights as to how the public, private and nonprofit sectors can respond with innovative and strategic solutions. The focus of the Global Institute is NOT to fix Africa but to leave with a better sense of understanding of how we can incubate innovative solutions to poverty in partnership with the people of East Africa.
Partnerships & Collaborations

- Come Let’s Dance
- University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs
- Morgridge Family Foundation
- Bohemian Foundation
- Kenneth King Foundation
- Schaden Family Foundation
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“Don't just do something! Stand there!”
– John Paul Leaderach, The Moral Imagination