Meera Bhat (left), School of Social Welfare doctoral student, was invited to participate at an event in early August called “UNiting for Youth” preceding International Youth Day 2013 celebrations at the United Nations. This interactive dialogue included the UN Secretary General, senior UN Officials and a general assembly of youth leaders from the world. Among the important announcements made was the announcement to launch the youth ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council).


Meera had just returned from the School’s Summer Study Tour to Africa, where she, eight other students and a faculty member traveled to South Africa, Tanzania and Zanzibar. Meera has experience working on issues of gender, youth, microfinance, livelihoods and health in India.