

### Faculty Member Contact Information

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### Description of the URCA Assistant Position

This posting includes one funded position. In addition, the faculty member may be willing to mentor additional, unfunded students.

**How many unfunded students is this professor taking in addition to his/her one funded student?**   1  

(Students, if the faculty member will have both funded and unfunded students, he or she is free to select which student receives the funding. Funding cannot be split up between multiple students; only one student will receive it.)

### **Which of the following apply to this position?**

- This position is **only** open to students who have declared a major in this discipline. **M**
- This project deals with social justice issues. 
- This project deals with sustainability (green) issues. 
- This project deals with human health and wellness issues. 

**How many hours per week will your student(s) be required to work in this position?**   9  

(Minimum is 6 hours per week; typical is 9.)

**Will it be possible for your student(s) to earn course credit?**  Yes       No

**If yes, in which course?** ANTH 483

**If yes, for how many credit hours?** 3

**Location of research/creative activities:** SIUE campus

### **Brief description of the nature of the research/creative activity:**

The research project studies the institution building of cultural arts organizations. The first part of the research consisted of collecting data on several African American Youth Drumming Groups in the Midwest region who are joining forces with HBCU Marching bands in an effort to use music to encourage youth to pursue their college education. This research started in March 2010 and has been extended with data from the recent anthropological field school in July 2011 to Suriname. The data from these projects is being used to generate valuable information on the viability of cultural arts organization for ethnic minority populations. The last leg of the research will be ethnographic research at the East Saint Louis Performing Arts Center that will take place in 2012. Prior to the last leg of the research, the current data from both the drumming and the field school need to be finalized.

### **Brief description of student responsibilities:**

One student will assist in processing the data from the drumming research, while the other student will assist in processing the data from the Suriname research. Students will type up, code and analyze data from participant observation, interviews, surveys, video recordings and audio recordings. The students will assist in using the data to put together a booklet and/or other form of presentational material that will be useable for conference and community presentation purposes.

**URCA Assistant positions are designed to provide students with *research or creative activities* experience. As such, there should be measurable, appropriate outcome goals. What exactly should your student(s) have learned by the end of this experience?**

Student will have learned how to process ethnographic data including participant observation notes, interviews and surveys. The student will have assisted in using the data to create materials for an academic and a lay audience.

### Requirements of Students

**If the position(s) require students to be available at certain times each week (as opposed to them being able to set their own hours), please indicate all required days and times:**

Students can set their own hours, but we will schedule a mutual time weekly to check in and go over work requirements and progress.

**If the location of the research/creative activities involves off campus work, must students provide their own transportation?**

N/A

**Must students have taken any prerequisite classes? Please list classes and preferred grades:**

ANTH 300 or participation in the anthropology field school (ANTH 373)

### **Other requirements or notes to applicants:**

I prefer students who are fairly independent and try to figure things out before asking questions. I am available for guidance and supervision of course, but I expect the student to be fairly capable to function on their own.