





Faculty Member Contact Information

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1 Funded, 1 Unfunded URCA Assistant

	This position is ONLY open to students who have declared a major in this discipline.	M
X	This project deals with social justice issues.	
	This project deals with sustainability (green) issues.	
X	This project deals with human health and wellness issues.	
	This project deals with community outreach.	
	This mentor's project is interdisciplinary in nature.	I

Are you willing to work with students from outside of your discipline? If yes, which other disciplines?

- No

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

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

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Will it be possible for your student(s) to earn course credit?

- No

Location of research/creative activities:

- Peck Hall 3219

Brief description of the nature of the research/creative activity?

This research is focused on evaluating conflict spillover, civil unrest, and security in Moldova and Belarus amidst the ongoing War in Ukraine. There are both quantitative and qualitative elements to this research that require reading about ongoing and past conflict and civil unrest activities in Moldova and Belarus, assessing the severity of these actions and their meanings as it pertains to state-society relations.

Brief description of student responsibilities?

Students will assist the project by evaluating the type of civil unrest or violent activities described in the dataset and applying a criteria and typology to each event. They will conduct internet research about these events to acquire more specific knowledge and details than what is included in the dataset. Students will have the opportunity to provide unique insights into the understanding of how ongoing conflict shapes state-society relations in neighboring countries.

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?

Students will gain practical experience in MS Excel, online database research, and data analytics. They will learn more about methodological nuances in data analysis and gain a high level of experience in understanding state-society relations, conflict, and civil unrest.

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 are not required to be available at certain times in this position as long as they can meet in-person once a week at a time that is accommodating to them.

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

- Students are not required to provide their own transportation for this position.

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

- No

Other requirements or notes to applicants:

- Students must have access to a personal computer with access to the internet, and it is preferred (though not required) that they have experience with MS Excel.

