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Internship Opportunities in Religious Studies

**Ambassadors for Children Internship**

The intern’s primary work would be with Ambassadors for Children. Ambassadors for Children is a service agency of the Council of Churches of the Ozarks and dedicated to supporting abused and neglected children and youth in our community. Many children come into foster care having been abused or neglected with little to no clothing or personal belongings, and carrying significant emotional burdens. Each of our programs is designed to meet practical needs while also instilling a sense of value and dignity, which brings hope to children and families. Ambassadors for Children’s programs are provided absolutely free to families and are completely dependent on private grants and donations. Their mission is to provide quality services and support to abused and neglected children in this area.

**Cox Health Wellness for Warriors Internship**

Going into combat or experiencing other traumatic incidents can lead to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and other issues for active military, veterans, first-responders, and their families. Cox Health Wellness for Warriors offers programs to bring individuals together into a community and to introduce mind and body techniques to improve the well-being of the participants. Topics covered include stress management, sleep disorders, loss of identity, relationships, meditation, art therapy, and yoga.

The intern will work with the staff and volunteers at Wellness for Warriors to: plan weekly sessions, plan the annual Expo, assist with short and long-term planning of the program, attend as many sessions as possible, build relationships with CoxHealth staff and local community members, assist with marketing strategies, and work with current volunteers to enhance the program. The intern will work under Team Leaders Nancy Probst, Mollie Estes, and Kerry Miller.

**KSMU Radio Religion Beat Internship**

KSMU strives to bring superior programming to over 40,000 weekly listeners in Southwest Missouri. Whether through news or music, KSMU seeks to inform, to entertain and “to encourage the exploration of ideas and their application to citizenship.”

The MSU Religious Studies Intern will work with the News Director and other KSMU staff and interns to pitch stories, research stories, interview individuals and write quality stories for written and/or broadcast delivery. These stories, which vary in length but are roughly 2 minutes apiece, are the product of long form journalism involving interviews, accurate research and, at times, use of natural sound. The intern may have the opportunity to develop an area of the KSMU website dedicated to Religion in the News. The intern is encouraged to work with Religious Studies faculty, primarily Dr. Schmalzbauer, to determine potential news stories. Primary editing of these stories, both written and recorded work, will be performed by the News Director or other KSMU staff.
**Missouri Health Care for All Internship**

Missouri Health Care for All, a non-partisan, faith and community-based grassroots movement committed to securing access to affordable, high-quality health care for all Missourians is seeking interns to move our mission forward in the Springfield area.

This person will work from our casual, friendly office in Springfield, based in National Avenue Christian Church – located one mile south of Missouri State University. Springfield interns will work closely with our Deputy Director, based in Springfield. There will be the opportunity for regional and statewide travel as part of our legislative work and professional development.

**Moral Injury Institute Internship**

This internship will contribute to the growing base of knowledge and practice applications related to the mission of the Moral Injury Institute: concepts, resources, and practices that pertain to military veterans and others who struggle with the effects of trauma-related moral injury, including families and caregivers. This information will be made available through the Moral Injury Institute to community networks and organizations.

The intern’s major responsibilities include: identify and catalog resources; identify statistical data related to veterans/military persons affected by hidden injuries of war and moral injury; capture stories of combat veterans; identify and interview family members, caregivers, and service organizations; identify and interview faith groups and organizations providing veteran care services, and profile the best practices; help create presentations to use in awareness-building events and training/networking events.

The intern will work closely with Dr. Tommy Goode, who has decades of community advocacy, organizing, and nonprofit work. We are looking for a flexible, detail-oriented, passionate, and personable candidate who is eager to learn and strengthen the work of development and implementation for the Moral Injury Institute.

**Office of Emergency Management Internship**

Religious organizations are an integral resource in providing assistance during emergency situations. Determining who these groups are and the resources they offer is important in developing the county’s response and relief to emergencies. Particular religious groups or individuals have unique situations and/or practices that require consideration in order to serve them in case of an emergency. Exploring and setting up structures for those special considerations informs response and relief for various other vulnerable populations.

The intern’s primary work would to work with the Office of Emergency management staff to implement a self-sustaining CERT program within Springfield’s faith-based communities. The intern will build upon the current training material for the CERT teams that will educate members on how to interact with local religious minorities and vulnerable populations in Greene County. The intern will also reach out to faith-based communities to encourage them to implement their own disaster plans in order to further OEM’s mission, as well as provide the student the opportunity to have a hands-on project that engages with Greene County’s religious communities.

**Stone County Historical Society and Museum Internship**

The Stone County, MO Historical Society and Museum is an all-volunteer organization able to provide a variety of experiences for the intern, whether they are able to travel to the museum (though they probably should visit at least once) or not. The types of experiences the intern may gain include: taking an inventory of all artifacts, indexing artifacts, conducting research on some donated artifacts, scanning obituaries, staffing at local booths and festivals, and creating displays of historical events or individuals.

Details and other internship opportunities: [www.missouristate.edu/relst/internship.htm](http://www.missouristate.edu/relst/internship.htm)

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