CWSGR Internship: Samuel Proctor Oral History Project

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Brief description/mission:

Established at the University of Florida 1967, the Samuel Proctor Oral History program is one of the largest oral history archives in the South and one of the top collections in the country. Here at SPOHP, we believe that oral history has the power to engage all of society’s members in the conversation of history. It is our goal to educate, research and serve by collecting the many voices of the community—voices that might otherwise be lost in traditional historical writing.

Number of Hours/Credits: We are flexible and can offer internships for anywhere from 1 to 3 credits. We have more than one internship position available; we are happy to have interns work on individual projects, or if they would like to work as a team

Schedule Requirements:
-Work primarily from our offices (will provide you with a shared desk, computer, and access to our other resources)
-You can set your own schedule, although desk time is on a fixed schedule (that the students choose in the beginning of the semester)

Prerequisites/Qualifications:
Our internships can be shaped around the skill-level of our interns. Technological experience will only broaden your opportunities at SPOHP. Dreamweaver, flash, audio/video editing experience, website design, interviewing experience, a plus.

What activities will the intern take part in, and how do they relate to Women’s/Gender studies? SPOHP can offer WST students the unique opportunity to create and personalize an internship to your individual interests. (see next page)
In the fall of 2009, SPOHP and WST embarked on a project to create a sizeable archive of feminist oral histories and documents surrounding the women’s movement in Gainesville. Students have begun to conduct interviews for this project, and the project’s first panel was held in April of 2010 (see our website: http://www.history.ufl.edu/oral/feature-womensact.html). The flexibility of this project allows WST interns to move in a direction that aligns with their academic and personal goals.

Would you like to conduct interviews with feminists and activists? SPOHP has the technology to record, video, edit, transcribe, archive, podcast, and distribute those interviews—technology that we can teach you to use.

Are you personally interested in politics? Health care? Child care? You can shape your internship to record the important efforts surrounding those initiatives—locally or nationally.

Would you like to organize a panel, lecture, or event? A SPOHP internship can help you gain event planning and public relations experience.

It is up to us to save the important work done by feminists in Gainesville and across the country! You can assist in this effort while also gaining experience in researching, writing, and gathering information—skills that can only help your graduate and professional career.