

Tufts Global Research Assistant Program Job Description

Faculty: Peter Winn

Project Locations: 4 weeks in Santiago, Chile and 4 weeks in Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dates: July 5, 2018 – September 1, 2018

Project Title: Battles for Historical Memory in the Southern Cone

Project Details: "Without Yesterday There Is No Tomorrow: Battles for Historical Memory in the Southern Cone: Argentina, Chile & Uruguay" explores six dimensions of historical memory -- archives, truth commissions, trials, pedagogy, memorials and the development of a field of study in three countries of southern South America that experienced military dictatorships with massive violations of human rights during the 1970s & 1980s, but have since been in transitions from dictatorship to democracy. It is a comparative study that has been published in differing earlier versions in Spanish in all three countries during 2013-2015.

Professor Winn is now updating these texts for publication in the English language edition that will be published by Duke University Press, the most important university press for Latin American History/Studies. The Student Research Assistantship will help Professor Winn explore and update the six dimensions of historical memory in Argentina and Chile. Its structure will be thematic, but also chronological. There may also be an opportunity for the student to attend the "Jornadas de la Historia Reciente y la Memoria" Conference in Cordoba, Argentina.

The summer project will culminate in a report that will include a summary of the student's experience, summary of the results of the student's research, and summative remarks on what the student learned about Argentina and Chile through this experience.

Tasks and Responsibilities of Research Assistant: The Student Assistant will begin by reviewing press archives and human rights archives. In Chile, for example, the assistant will work in the Museum of Memory and Human Rights. In Argentina, the assistant will begin in Memoria Abierta. Both have highly developed archives and experience with student researchers.

Depending on what the student assistant finds and how long it takes them to research these archives, they may be reassigned to other repositories.

Because it is an update focused on the past 3-4 years, they may also be assigned to research media and on-line archives.

Qualifications:

Required

- Spanish language fluency (reading and writing)
- Commitment to human rights and social justice
- Some coursework or equivalent experiential learning in Latin America

Preferred

- Sense of integrity and maturity; Openness to different cultures
- Research experience, including in-class research projects
- Interest in memory studies
- Experience living or visiting Latin America