Summer 2020 ProCES Derian Internships

ProCES Derian internships combine research on a pressing issue with on-the-ground experience at a nonprofit organization. ProCES provides a stipend of $3500, on-campus housing, weekly programing, and some support for travel off campus. Internship dates are June 8, 2020 to July 31, 2020. Students may apply to more than one Derian internship position. Applications are available on Handshake.

ProCES Derian internship on Food Access and Insecurity
Host organizations: Arm In Arm & Mercer Street Friends Food Bank (Trenton, NJ)

Arm In Arm works to create a place where our community comes together to make sure we all have the most basic needs of food and shelter and, as possible, the livelihood to maintain them. It welcomes more than 4,000 families to its food pantries, works with 600 at-risk families to prevent or end homelessness, and offers on-the-job training and job search mentoring. Mercer Street Friends Food Bank Center for Nutritional Health and Wellness serves over 60,000 people through food distribution and hunger prevention programs in Mercer County. One of seven food banks in the State of New Jersey, Mercer Street Friends channels over 4 million pounds of non-perishable and perishable commodities to a network of over 100 local food pantries, shelters, the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen and its meal sites, schools, senior and disabled programs and housing sites, and low-income housing sites.

Part of this internship will include gathering and analyzing data on food pantry use to help create effective food bank programming. This could include tracking visits to food bank agencies to look for patterns in community use or analyzing existing data to identify relevant trends in food received from federal and state government programs.

ProCES Derian internship on East Trenton Neighborhood Development
Host organization: East Trenton Collaborative at New Jersey Community Capital (Trenton, NJ)

The East Trenton Collaborative (ETC) is a group of residents and organizations working together to improve the quality of life in a neighborhood of Trenton’s North Ward. ETC facilitates community-driven change to achieve neighborhood goals like improving homes, connecting neighbors and building residents’ power through local businesses. Led by community leaders, ETC works closely with partner organizations, city officials, and other stakeholders to make East Trenton a great place to live, work, and play.

ETC has several potential projects for a summer intern:
- Build on the work of last summer’s Derian Intern and interview small business owners to identify what types of community-oriented programming can best support small business development.
• Evaluate how participation in ETC’s youth employment programs changes teenagers’ view of their workplace readiness.
• Promote the civic engagement of community members by developing civic education materials that show how various levels of government (city, county, and state) coordinate with each other in Trenton.

ProCES Derian internship on Urban Farming
Host organization: Elijah’s Promise (New Brunswick, NJ)

Since its inception almost 30 years ago, Elijah’s Promise has grown from a small soup kitchen to a multi-program agency with a proven track record of success in working with and on behalf of those who are poor. It harnesses the power of food to break the cycle of poverty, alleviate hunger, and change lives. It runs a Community Soup Kitchen with wrap-around Social Services, a Culinary Arts Training Program, Urban Agriculture initiatives, and sits on New Brunswick's Food Policy Council.

The ProCES Derian intern working with Elijah's Promise will split their time between growing food at our urban agriculture sites and doing research that grows our understanding of our farm's place in its neighborhood and history. This process and final project could include archival research, interviews with residents, collaboration with New Brunswick theological seminary scholars and/or an art installation to encourage public conversation about urban land, power, the food system, and food justice.

ProCES Derian internship on Local and Women’s History
Host organization: Historical Society of Princeton (Princeton, NJ)

The Historical Society of Princeton (HSP) at Updike Farmstead in Princeton is a hub for cultural enrichment, experiential education, and stewardship of collections and places. HSP preserves and shares Princeton’s diverse, important, and fascinating stories with wide audiences. In so doing, HSP enhances community vitality and builds historical literacy, cornerstones of healthy civic culture.

HSP has several potential projects for a summer intern:
• Contribute to the development of a Women’s History Exhibit to be displayed in the Princeton Public Library in fall 2020 to celebrate women’s suffrage, 100 years since the passage of the 19th Amendment. Research the content, select images, and write text for a panel exhibition illuminating the long, fascinating history of women in Princeton.
• Survey local residents and past program attendees to identify recommendations for a new permanent exhibit on Princeton’s history.
• Research items in HSP’s collection to expand access to currently undescribed material in the collection. Use primary and secondary resources, digitize and catalog items, and add to HSP’s collections database.
ProCES Derian internship on HIV/AIDS, Health and Health Policy  
**Host organization:** [Hyacinth Foundation](#) (New Brunswick, NJ)

The Hyacinth Foundation is New Jersey’s first and largest AIDS service organization. Its mission is to help people live with HIV, slow the epidemic, and serve as a critical voice in the public debate surrounding AIDS in New Jersey. Six regional offices provide services including: hotline counseling for prevention, care and treatment; professional and community education workshops; service referrals; individual client advocacy; legal services; and public policy advocacy.

As part of this position the intern will:
- Build on the analyses of past Derian interns to collect and analyze the health profile data of Hyacinth’s medical care clients.
- Travel to clinics to create a dataset from existing medical and grant records; interview staff and clients to understand the context of the data.
- Make recommendations for program development based on research.

ProCES Derian internship on Economic Development  
**Host organization:** Isles, Inc. (Trenton, NJ)

Isles, Inc. is a community development and environmental organization based in Trenton. With a mission to foster self-reliant families and healthy, sustainable communities, Isles designs and develops effective services that support this mission and shares what it learns with others who can make a difference. Isles’s services and activities include revitalizing communities by working alongside local residents, training and educating adults and youth through various programs, building wealth through providing innovative financial services and loans, promoting healthy living by tackling environmental hazards, fostering energy efficiency, improving open space, and expanding access to locally grown food.

As part of the internship you will:
- Analyze Isles’ existing data on vacant property to understand how unused lots might influence crime, education, housing, or economic development.
- Research strategies for effective uses of vacant property data and examine other studies to identify promising models for linking vacant property and other data to inform policy decisions.

ProCES Derian internship on Community Art and Education  
**Host organization:** McCarter Theatre Center (Princeton, NJ)

The McCarter Theatre Center is an independent, non-profit regional theater on the Princeton University campus. Its mission is to create world-class theater and present the finest performing artists for the engagement, education, and entertainment of the community. McCarter is known for its theater and presented series, which have won its consistent recognition, including a Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre. The Education and Engagement Program offers educational sessions to children and teenagers from pre-K to 12th grade, as well as adults.
This internship in the Education and Engagement Program will allow you to:

- Engage with students and use creativity to measure students’ ability to identify their skills and knowledge before and after their participation in the program
- Develop tools to assess student growth and learning in summer arts programs, drawing on last year’s Derian intern’s research on national arts education assessment practices

ProCES Derian internship on Urban Farmers’ Markets and Food Insecurity

Host organization: Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Mercer County, Dept. of Family & Community Health Sciences (FCHS) (Trenton, NJ)

FCHS promotes health and wellness through education, research, and outreach on food, nutrition, and healthy lifestyles. Its key program areas include nutrition, physical activity, health, chronic disease prevention, food safety, food security, and obesity intervention for residents of Mercer, Gloucester, Burlington and Camden county who are recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

As part of this internship you will document the evolution of a local farmer’s market in Trenton. This could include interviewing a wide variety of stakeholders to compile a history of the Greenwood Ave Farmers’ Market and integrating interview responses with existing data from several local food and nutrition organizations. The final document may serve as a model for other urban communities interested in creating a local farmers’ market.