

Samuel Proctor Oral History Project

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Overview & 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 Credits: SPOHP offers a 3-credit internship which usually includes— two-hour weekly class meetings and five hours/week of independent work. The SPOHP internship is graded for a letter grade.

Schedule Requirements: Internship topic changes depending on current ongoing project. A regular schedule is encouraged, but we allow for flexibility; in the case of fieldwork, public events, etc., sometimes contingencies make schedule vary. Interns work in the SPOHP office, or possibly in the field (conducting interviews, etc.). Interns can also help SPOHP with fieldwork, public events, service learning, etc., and log those as hours.

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, and/or interviewing experience is a plus.

What activities will the intern take part in, and how do they relate to Women's/Gender studies?

- Each semester, the subject of the project that interns will be focusing on changes.
- Examples of past projects: Diversity in Punk Rock, Florida Queer History Project, Latina/o Diaspora in the Americas Project, The African American History Project, Native American History Project
- Intern duties include learning oral history methodology and field research techniques, including conducting, transcribing, and audit-editing interviews.
- In addition to this core structure, internships are tailored to the strengths of our students.
- 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? Childcare? 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? An 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.

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