Research that Reaches Out
Faculty and Staff Newsletter - November 2019

Summer Research Applications
Due December 1

The Summer Student Research Program immerses faculty and their student research assistants in the integration of research and service at the Explore or Express levels, connecting directly to those student learning outcomes.

Research that Reaches Out will provide a $5,000 stipend for the faculty member, $3,500 stipends for a maximum of two students, on-campus housing for the student(s), and $750 in funds for needed supplies.

If you would like feedback on an application draft, please contact QEP Director Dr. Kathy Kloepper at kloepper_kd@mercer.edu.

Download the application here.

Summer 2020 applications are due by 5:00 pm on December 1. Please submit your applications via email to Hannah Nabi.

Save the Date: Dec. 6
History & Social Justice Showcase

Dr. Michele Prettyman (Media Studies) and Dr. Laura Simon (Sociology) have been collaborating this semester on a project that engages students in JMS 230: Digital Storytelling and SOC/AFR 295: Sociology of Race in Ethnicity. Students have been working on projects in these courses that explore and research narratives around race, prejudice, history, and social justice. On Friday, December 6 from 4:30 - 7:30 pm in SEB 110, the students will share their work in a public showcase. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to come even if they can only attend a portion of the event.

Central to this project was a visit to the Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, AL. The museum and memorial are a project of the Equal Justice Initiative and served as both a key educational experience and a model for how students can harness the strengths of their disciplines to identify and document injustices.

At the December 6 event, sociology students will be sharing their research about the social impact of racial inequalities and prejudice in American society. Digital storytelling students will be using narrative to illuminate injustices while also upholding the dignity of the people and communities whose stories they tell.

The showcase will be on Friday, December 6 from 4:30 - 7:30 pm in SEB 110. Presentations will be scheduled in two blocks, from 4:30 - 5:30 pm and 6:00 - 7:00 pm with refreshment breaks from 5:30 - 6:00 pm and 700 - 7:30 pm. Both sociology and media studies students will be presenting in each time block.

For more details, contact Dr. Michele Prettyman or Dr. Laura Simon.

We Love Assessment! Yes We Do!
We Love Assessment! How About You?

In this month of giving thanks, we want to say thank you to all of our faculty who so generously share student work with us for our Expose, Explore, and Express assessment. If you are one of the lucky chosen, you should have already received emails with information about submitting student work. For those of you who have already shared work or made plans to do so, thank you.

If you haven’t been contacted for assessment and would like to be included in the Explore or Express counts, please contact Hannah Nabi or Dr. Kathy Kloepper.

Students read exhibits at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice.
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