

2019-2020 Academic Year Internship Opportunities

Mentor: Nan Stein, Ed.D.

Internship Topic: Sexual Harassment and Gender Violence in K-12 Schools

Internship Description:

The intern and Dr. Stein will focus on matters related to sexual harassment and gender violence in K-12 schools. That ranges from legal research and preparation for legal cases in which Dr. Stein is serving as a paid consultant; to survey research (preparing easy survey instruments for conducting phone interviews) looking at what school districts and state education departments around the country are doing to train school staff and K-12 students on matters related to prevention of sexual harassment; to working with state public health departments and the rape crisis centers that they fund to train rape center staff on sexual harassment so they can offer trainings and in-service education in K-12 schools (especially since many school districts do not offer trainings -- the rape crisis center staff can step in to offer training); to working with particular statewide coalitions on domestic violence or sexual assault on projects to modify Dr. Stein's evidence-based and highly effective, evaluated interventions, Shifting Boundaries: Lessons on relationships for students in middle school, such that it can be used in contexts that are beyond the original sites involved in the research; in other words, to make Shifting Boundaries relevant to older high school students, and for use in rural settings. (The original research was conducted in the Cleveland Ohio area suburbs from 2005-2007, and then in the New York City Middle Schools from 2008-2015).

Intern Responsibilities:

Assist Dr. Stein in these various funded projects with discrete tasks that will be assigned to the intern as the projects dictate; web-based research especially for legal updates and developments in the federal courts; web-based research on emerging issues and cases (i.e.- newspaper searches on Lexus/Nexus and other means to conduct searches); culling through Dr. Stein's historical files for efforts that state education and public health departments have used to conduct training for their "clients" (i.e.- school districts, or rape crisis centers) on sexual harassment and prevention strategies; help to design a SurveyMonkey survey on current efforts.

Skills Required:

Web-based research on lawsuits and newspapers for legal developments; experience with SurveyMonkey (or something similar); ability to juggle several tasks and goals at the same time that might not seem related; organized; flexible; motivated, excellent writing skills (possibility of co-authoring papers and attending conferences if additional funding can be acquired). In the past, interns have attended Law & Society conferences with with Dr. Stein; other interns have presented at local professional/academic conferences with Dr. Stein in Massachusetts or New England.