Safe Zone Internship

- 40 Hours a week, 10 Weeks
- Start Date: Mid-May
- Supervisor: Dr. Eric Anthony Grollman

Description:
Sociology Professor Eric Anthony Grollman, in conjunction with the Office of Common Ground, is seeking a summer student intern to develop a protocol to assess the Safe Zone program at the University of Richmond. The student intern will work under the guidance of Dr. Grollman and have office space provided through the Office of Common Ground. The Office of Common Ground will also provide data from current Safe Zone assessments, consult on the project, and connect the student intern to community partner organizations including local colleges and universities, ROSMY, the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, Fan Free Clinic, and the Virginia Anti-Violence Project. The student intern will receive on-the-ground experience in implementing sociological research methods to better assess the work of the Office of Common Ground - ostensibly putting theory into practice. We strongly encourage students to apply for UR Summer Fellowship funding and are committed to assisting finalists in completing their application.

Objectives:
- Review prior research on Safe Zone programs at US colleges and universities and provide a literature review.
- Evaluate Common Ground’s current assessment of Safe Zone training and the Safe Zone program.
- Gather assessments of Safe Zone programs from admission competitor institutions.
- Create appropriate instruments (e.g. surveys, interviews, focus groups) to assess the impact of the Safe Zone program at the University of Richmond.
- Present protocol to the Office of Common Ground and to the RVA Safe Space Coalition.
- Develop a final report to include literature review, assessment examples from other campuses, and the proposed protocol and instruments.
- Optional – The student research fellow may have the opportunity to administer their assessment protocol during the Fall 2016 semester under the continued guidance of Dr. Grollman and Ted Lewis, Associate Director of LGBTQ Campus Life in the Office of Common Ground.

Needed Skills:
- Completion of at least one course in research methods or statistics
- Strong communication skills
- Strongly prefer candidates with familiarity with library databases and SPSS
- Strongly prefer candidates with experience or knowledge of the LGBTQ community

To apply please send resumes and cover letters to Dr. Grollman (egrollma@richmond.edu).