





Faculty Member Contact Information

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1 Funded, 1 Unfunded URCA Assistant

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| | This position is ONLY open to students who have declared a major in this discipline. | M |
| | This project deals with social justice issues. |  |
| X | This project deals with sustainability (green) issues. |  |
| | This project deals with human health and wellness issues. |  |
| | This project deals with community outreach. |  |
| | This mentor's project is interdisciplinary in nature. | I |

Are you willing to work with students from outside of your discipline? If yes, which other disciplines?

Yes

How many hours per week will your student(s) be required to work in this position?

(Minimum is 6 hours per week; typical is 9)

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Will it be possible for your student(s) to earn course credit?

INTS 401 Independent Project in International Studies 3 credit hours

Location of research/creative activities:

Mostly virtually

Brief description of the nature of the research/creative activity?

During previous academic years, URCA student assistants, under guidance from the program director, pursued a project of mapping international studies resources, a follow-up content analysis of websites of International Studies academic programs, as well as interviews with International Studies faculty in national settings, in order to identify key trends in regards to education and professional opportunities in this interdisciplinary area. In fall 2025, URCA students are sought for a project building on the previous research to identify how social and environmental justice aspects are present and articulated in International Studies programs and coursework in the United States.

Brief description of student responsibilities?

Student responsibilities include:

- contributing to the selection and summarizing of materials
- analysis of the data collected
- writing up of the research results
- work towards presentations and publication

URCA Assistant positions are designed to provide students with *research or creative activities* experience. As such, there should be measurable, appropriate outcome goals. What exactly should your student(s) have learned by the end of this experience?

The research experience outcomes will include:

- acquiring expertise in data collection and analysis resulting in a portfolio of resources related to social and environmental justice in International Studies and a literature review
- building capability for analyzing research results
- building capability for writing a research report
- increasing presentation skills

Requirements of Students

If the position(s) require students to be available at certain times each week (as opposed to them being able to set their own hours) please indicate all required days and times:

The schedule will be flexible and determined by Dr. Nastasia in collaboration with and with input from the student.

If the location of the research/creative activities involves off campus work, must students provide their own transportation?

All activities will take place virtually. The meetings of the student with Dr. Nastasia will take place on campus in Dr. Nastasia's office and through Zoom. Data collection and analysis as well as preparation of presentations and publication will be pursued.

Must students have taken any prerequisite classes? Please list classes and preferred grades:

No prerequisites, however an understanding of the basics of theory, research, and international studies is a plus.

Other requirements or notes to applicants:

The student should be prepared to engage in examinations of international issues with rigor and critical thinking.