



ESPP FALL STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Environmental Science and Policy Program is currently accepting abstract submissions from undergraduate students, graduate students, and post-doctoral scholars from MSU for the annual **Environmental Science and Policy Program's Fall Student Research Symposium**. The symposium will be held on **October 17, 2022**, at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI.

This symposium aims to connect ideas and researchers from multiple disciplines to identify and solve challenges at the interface of environmental science and policy. This year's symposium will explore research performed across a variety of disciplines to provide holistic solutions to real-world problems and showcase avenues for integrating science and policy-making.

Work at any stage in its development may be presented through oral or poster presentations. All presentations will be evaluated by faculty judges, and awards will be given to the first and second place in oral presentations and top poster presentation.

Submissions should consist of the project title, author(s), and a 200-word abstract addressing the rationale, approach, findings, and contribution to environmental science and policy. Please also indicate whether you would like to be considered for a standard academic (12 minutes with PPT) and/or poster presentation.

Proposals should be submitted at <https://forms.gle/HnfrAiNAkEJuz5nq6>

Abstracts are due Friday, September 23, 2022.

Notifications of accepted abstracts will be made by October 3, 2022. Please direct any questions to: espp@msu.edu

Call for Applications: Graduate Research Assistant Position

August 25, 2022

General purpose

We are seeking a graduate student research assistant to contribute to an NSF-funded research project on cocaine trade trafficking in the Americas. Our aim is to bring quantitative and qualitative rigor to the analysis of drug trafficking. Research tasks will include measurement of cocaine flows, collecting trafficking organization characteristics, and geospatial analysis of organizations and cocaine flows, coca cultivation, and cocaine consumption.

The graduate research assistant will contribute to all levels of our project from cleaning of the data, data analysis, visualization, and design as well as writing and publication. You will work in collaboration with faculty members from James Madison College and, possibly team members from the University of Maryland's College of Business, Department of Computer Science, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice and START-National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism.

Requirements:

Graduate student with strong organizational, analytical, and writing skills. Must be detail oriented, a self-starter, and an independent worker. Ability to use at least one of the following software packages or a similar package: STATA, R, SAS, SPSS, MATLAB, ArcGIS. Ability to do spatial and/or statistical modeling. The candidate must be able to conduct background research and write literature reviews.

This quarter-time assistantship position (10 hours a week) is suitable for a graduate student from a wide range of fields including but not restricted to economics, geography, public policy, political science, statistics, mathematics, or computer science. The position comes with tuition and a stipend, and has an expected duration of 1 to 2 years beginning as soon as possible.

Students from minoritized groups, including women, persons of color, veterans and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

We do not discriminate based on race, religion, color, gender, gender identity, age, height, weight, veteran status, disability, national origin, marital status, or family status. We will make reasonable accommodation if need it.

The position will remain open until it is filled.

To apply:

Please send:

1. A cover letter (two-page maximum) that includes:

- a. A brief description of your research or related experiences (if any), your reasons for applying for this position, and your familiarity with statistical and/or spatial analytic software.
 - b. Name and contact information for two references.
2. Your resume.
 3. Transcript showing undergraduate and graduate courses taken to date.

Please email your application to chandr45@msu.edu or benitez6@msu.edu

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HST 850/GUSP 850
Urban Infrastructures, Urban Politics
Fall, 2022

Thursday, 4:10-7:00 PM
Room 355, Old Horticulture Building



Port of Los Angeles, 2019

Infrastructures are a basic part of contemporary cities. They are both embedded in the practices and expectations of everyday life and central to the productive forces that make cities possible. Despite their importance, however, infrastructures are often taken for granted, especially in the Global North. This course seeks to reveal the often-overlooked role of infrastructures in processes of mass urbanization from the late nineteenth century to the present, with a particular emphasis on the relationship between infrastructures and the workings of capitalism and modern states.

Drawing primarily on literatures in urban studies, history, and anthropology, including forays into environmental studies and science and technology studies, the course adopts a multidisciplinary perspective. It develops how urban infrastructures have been part and parcel of profound socio-ecological transformations, the making of inequities and difference, processes of industrialization, and changes in experiences of time, space, and the body. In looking at how states have sought to regulate and govern urban infrastructures, the course underscores how infrastructures have contributed to the dynamics of citizenship and become sites of political contention. The course pays particular attention to infrastructures in electricity and housing, the latter of which will provide a focus on the politics of informality and squatting. Course readings explore cities in multiple world regions, although they have a particular focus on the Americas.

Questions? Contact Professor Edward Murphy (murph367@msu.edu)

GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS CAN BOOK ROOMS FOR FREE AT THE MSU UNION.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Graduate Student Organizations can reserve one room per seven consecutive day period **FREE**
- Available rooms include Lake Erie (capacity 20), Lake Michigan (24), Tower Room (49) and Classroom 50 (88)
- Available times include:
MON-FRI: 5:30-7pm / 7:30-9pm / 9:30-11pm
WEEKENDS: 11am-2pm / 3-6pm / 7-10pm
- Free parking available at Grand River/Ramp 6 after 6pm Monday-Friday and on weekends (except for football games). The MSU Union is located on CATA routes.
- Food/snacks available for purchase at Sparty's Express and the Union Food Court

NEXT STEPS

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