

REFLECTIONS FROM STUDENTS

"Being an intern at Planned Parenthood of East Central Illinois has been one of the best experiences of my college career at Illinois State University."

—Sarah Vogler

"My internship made the issues we discussed in WGS 120 come to life. Sure, we read about and researched different populations for class, but the nature of domestic and sexual violence really began to hit me when I worked with families that utilized the Family Visitation Center."

—Jessica Surd

"This internship (at the State's Attorney's Child Support Office) has given me a chance to leave the classroom and prepare for life after graduation. I would encourage all of you to take the same opportunity."

—Rita Bourell

"Working for the Central Illinois Pride Health Center has been an amazing experience ... (it) helped me to find my passion for education, outreach, and prevention."

—Toni Preston



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WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM

**WGS 398: Professional Practice:
Internship in Women's and Gender Studies**



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REQUIREMENTS

The WGS 398: Professional Practice opportunity provides supervised work experience with agencies, institutions, or organizations focusing on gender and its intersections with race, class, sexuality, and ability.

Internship Qualifications

- Currently enrolled in the WGS minor
- Completed 75 hours of course work
- Completed 12 hours of WGS course work
- GPA of 2.5 (3.0 in WGS minor)

Application Process

- Discuss proposed internship with WGS advisor. To make an advising appointment, please contact the WGS advisor at WGSadvisor@IllinoisState.edu or call the program office at (309) 438-2947
- Secure internship proposal, student information form, and health insurance certification form from WGS advisor.
- Complete proposal form in consultation with internship agency supervisor and return form to WGS advisor.
- Complete and return student information form and insurance certification form to WGS advisor.

Credit Requirements

Students may receive one semester per hour of credit for every 50 hours of work related to the internship, up to six semester hours. In order to receive credit, students must complete the following requirements:

- Complete a weekly log of activities, which must be emailed to the WGS advisor.
- Write a short article about your internship for the WGS website.
- Self-evaluation and reflection of internship experience.
- Write a 10-15 page paper which includes:
 - An overview of the organization and its objectives.
 - A description of your role and duties and an analysis of how your internship work fits the organization's objectives.
 - An analysis of how your WGS course studies and activities prepared you for or were relevant to your internship.
 - A discussion of how your internship has influenced your academic or career plans.

MCLEAN COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY

The McLean County Historical Society and Museum offers formal (for credit) and informal (no credit) internships students interested in local history. Projects may involve research, exhibition production, working with artifacts, cataloging, and writing. Focus must be on a Women's and Gender Studies topic. *Contact Deborah VanAntwerp (309) 827-0428 or dvanantwerp@mchistory.org.*

STEPPING STONES: SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS PROGRAM

The YWCA program is a free and confidential advocacy service for sexual assault survivors and their loved ones. Volunteer advocates are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The advocate's role is to assist survivors and their loved ones through the recovery process by connecting them with local resources and services. Students are required to attend 40 hours of training and carry a pager for the duration of their internship. *Contact Kara Alt, (309) 662-0461 ext. 275 or kalt@ywcamclean.org*

LABYRINTH OUTREACH SERVICES TO WOMEN

Labyrinth Outreach Services to Women is a not-for-profit organization that provides long-term supportive services to women from McLean County returning from jail/prison or who have been involved with the legal system. Opportunities reflect the current needs of the organization. *Contact Kristin Manzi, (309) 662-4506 or kmanzi@ywcamclean.org.*

NEVILLE HOUSE

Neville House is a shelter for women and children who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. The shelter staffs a domestic violence hotline and offers domestic violence education legal advocacy, outreach counseling victim support groups, and children's support groups to women transitioning from violent relationships. Student internships are based on the current needs of the shelter. *Contact Senna Adjabeng, (309) 828-8913.*

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF ILLINOIS: MCLEAN COUNTY

Planned Parenthood has strong ties to the Illinois State University community. Interns must complete an eight-hour community volunteer training program in outreach education through the organization. Interns will be involved in fundraising, event planning, public awareness campaigns, and outreach education. *Contact volunteer@ppil.org*

CENTRAL ILLINOIS PRIDE HEALTH CENTER (CIPHC)

The center is a grassroots organization that offers medical, mental, and social support to the LGBTQ community in our area. CIPHC offers social support to youth and LGBTQ parents. Its mission is to provide one-stop health care and wellness in an atmosphere that is safe and non-judgmental. *Contact Len Meyer cipridehealthcenter@gmail.com.*

GIRLS BUILDING EMPOWERMENT AND UNIQUENESS (GIRLS BE U)

The YWCA's mentoring program inspires young women to explore their own uniqueness and positive qualities through an open and creative curriculum addressing health and wellness, relationships, finances, and other topics. Interns will be involved in curriculum and event planning and mentoring activities. *Contact youthempower@ywcamclean.org.*

LGBT/QUEER STUDIES AND SERVICES INSTITUTE

The institute's mission is to promote equity and social justice for the LGBTQ community at ISU and in our community through academic scholarship, local events, and community outreach initiatives related to LGBTQ people and their allies. *Contact lgbtq@IllinoisState.edu.*

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat is a nonprofit international ecumenical organization dedicated to the elimination of substandard housing around the world. Habitat homes are built by volunteers and by partner families. The program sponsors teams of women on homebuilding projects. *Contact Lindsey Probst (309) 827-3931.*

NOTE: Students wishing to work elsewhere should consult with a WGS Advisor.