SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Center on Health, Risk and Society (CHRS) within the Sociology Department of American University invites applications from qualified undergraduate and graduate students for summer internship with its research project, SHARRPP (Structures, Health and Risk among Reentrants, Probationers and Partners).

**SHARRPP**

SHARRPP (Structures, Health and Risk among Reentrants, Probationers and Partners) is a longitudinal study funded by NIDA that aims to analyze the interconnections between the coercive mobility produced by US drug policies (the massive migration between the criminal justice system and the community) and race disparities in HIV-related sexual risk, among a sample of non-violent drug offenders in Connecticut. Further, the study examines whether the association between coercive mobility and HIV-related sexual risk is affected by the degree of social disorganization in the communities in which these offenders reside. It also will study the feasibility of recruiting and following the sexual partners of these individuals in order to better understand the impacts of coercive mobility on the partners’ HIV-related risk. Longitudinal data (over 3 years) is being collected in New Haven, CT via surveys and semi-structured interviews and combined with secondary data related to neighborhoods. The study is led by Dr. Kim M. Blankenship, Professor and Chair, Sociology Department and Director of CHRS.

The SHARRPP study team based at American University is looking for qualified graduate or undergraduate students to work as paid interns for the summer. The internships could also be credit-based.

**Qualifications:**

Paid internships are available to undergraduate or graduate students with the following qualifications:

- Excellent research, writing, and communication skills or desire to develop such skills
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to work within tight deadlines an advantage
- Prior experience in health-related research or criminal justice related research preferred but not required

**Key responsibilities** include, but not limited to, some combination of the following:

- Transcribing and summarizing interviews
- Coding interview data
- Conducting literature reviews
- Identifying sources for and gathering relevant secondary data

**Duration of internship:** The interns are expected to work for up to 35 hours a week for a period of 10 weeks, starting mid-May but the start date is negotiable.

Interested candidates must submit the following materials

- Cover letter, be sure to describe any research related experiences
- Resume
- Writing sample

Applications are to be sent via e-mail to Nimesh Dhungana at nimesh.dhungana@american.edu by April 15, 2011.