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## **Student/Faculty Collaborative Research Experience**

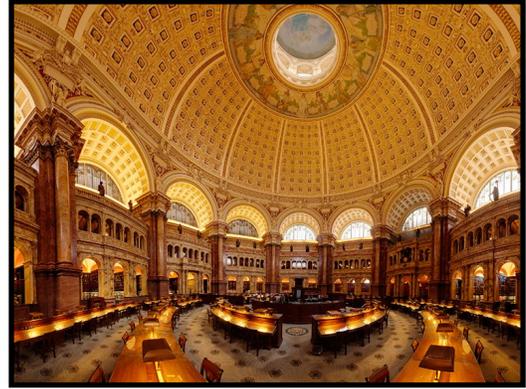
**EPIC ADVANTAGE: Library of Congress Research**

**Dates: May 13 - 26, 2018**

**Leaders: Amy Bryant, Ryan Murphy**

**Application Deadline: November 6, 2017**

### **Description of Experience and Research:**



Students will travel to the Library of Congress to conduct original research to support coursework in their major or minor field of study. The Library of Congress is located in downtown Washington, DC directly adjacent to the Capitol building. The library has the largest collection of published material in the world, and includes extensive holdings in languages other than English. Students may also work in one of the other renowned archival collections in Washington DC, such as the National Archives or the Smithsonian Institution. Public transportation conveniently connects all of these locations to students' housing.

Students will produce a research plan during spring semester 2018. Upon arrival in Washington, students will work 9am-5pm Monday through Friday in the Library, and will present their findings on regular intervals to faculty and peers. Students may conduct research on any topic, as long as it directly corresponds to their major and intended coursework plan, and are encouraged to conduct research in a language other than English.

The Library of Congress Research trip is ideal for rising Seniors, but rising Juniors may also apply. The trip is open to students of any major, but is tailored to those whose major or minor research projects involve archival, literary, artistic media or public policy

### **Expectations for Students:**

Students will travel to Washington DC and stay in hostel style housing for two weeks. All participants are expected to be at the library each day throughout its open hours, from 9am-5pm. Students will work with the library catalog in advance of departure, and will produce an annotated research prospectus that must be submitted no later than April 15, 2018. During their work in the library, students will present their findings on a regular basis at team meetings, and will create a longer, formal research presentation that they will deliver on the last day of the trip. They will then produce a detailed research report that describes all of the material they found in detail, and that ends with a writing plan to transform the research into a final product in the field of their choice.



### **Faculty:**

**Amy Bryant**, Associate Library Director and Head of Reference. Amy has a Masters in Library Science from Indiana University. Amy has over 17 years of experience in assisting Earlham Students in refining research topics and locating resources. Amy teaches faculty/student collaborative research projects, internship based courses for students interested in exploring librarianship as a profession, and has co-lead a May Term course to Turkey. Along with Ryan Murphy, she spent two weeks assisting with research at the Library of Congress during the summers of 2014 and 2016.

**Ryan Murphy**, Assistant Professor of History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Ryan has a Ph.D. in American Studies, and works in fields of U.S. labor history, history of sexuality, urban history, and intellectual history. As an interdisciplinary scholar, he uses ethnographic, archival, and literary historical research methods. Along with Amy Bryant, he spent two weeks researching and writing at the Library of Congress during the summers of 2014 and 2016.

### **Dates of Experience:**

May 13 - 26, 2018

### **Travel To and From Site:**

EPIC ADVANTAGE will cover the cost of air travel from wherever the student is on May 13th to Washington DC. Students will not travel together

**Application Dates:** Applications can be received from students starting on Oct. 15, 2017. Application window closes on November 6, 2017.

**Link to Application:** [Apply in Handshake](#)

**Student Eligibility:** Rising sophomores, rising juniors, or rising seniors.

**Cost to Student:** This is EPIC ADVANTAGE and the student experience is funded. This includes passport, visa, travel, room and board, and other expenses required by the program. Personal expenses will be covered by the student.

**Program plans subject to change.**