Undergraduate Research Opportunity

ASU #TitleIXat45

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I am partnering with Sun Devil Athletics (SDA) on a research initiative to tell ASU’s Title IX history. We are exploring three major themes: competitive athletic opportunities for women before Title IX, Sun Devil women’s athletics after Title IX, and Title IX compliance and expanded opportunity for women in higher education beyond athletics. Our responsibilities will be to work with university archivist Rob Spindler, locate materials in ASU archives, assemble the content to share with SDA, organize a crowdsourced research day open to the public, contribute to SDA’s curation process to create pop-up exhibits to take around campus and to sporting events, and to work with SDA media relations on a #TitleIXTuesdays social media campaign.

Research assistant's duties:
The undergraduate research assistant’s duties include processing materials in university archives, taking pictures and notes; helping with the crowdsourcing event; creating a list of Tweets and Facebook posts; and meeting weekly or bi-monthly to talk strategy and ideas.

Required skills or qualifications:
This position requires, simply, an interest in archival research, ASU history, and the history of women’s sports.

Skills student will acquire:
The student who successfully completes this assistantship will gain the experience of working on an original historical research project. Acquired skills include: evaluating and analyzing archival materials, curating and selecting materials to be included in the broader history project and the more limited exhibit displays, creating historical narratives to tell compelling, accurate stories about ASU’s history related to expanding opportunity for women in higher education and intercollegiate athletics, negotiating with stakeholders to present a story accurately, even if that means including information that could present the stakeholder in a negative light.