Undergraduate Research Opportunity

Women in the Enlightenment

Prof. Victoria Thompson

Hours required p/week: 6-9

History

Credits anticipated: 2-3

This project focuses women's experience in the Enlightenment, focusing on Europe during the period 1720-1780. This is for a book project that I am working on and the student will receive credit in the acknowledgments.

Research assistant’s duties:
The student would help compile an annotated bibliography of secondary sources on women in Enlightenment Europe. Depending on time, the student will also help with writing short biographical sketches of different women. We will work together to think about which women we should include and why they are important.

Required skills or qualifications:
French or German would be lovely but not necessary.

Skills student will acquire:
Students will learn how to use a variety of databases to find secondary sources. They will learn how to read these secondary sources to identify the main topic and argument of the source. They will learn how to establish criteria for historical significance and will get practice in writing short biographies.