Undergraduate Research Opportunity

PROJECT

Salt River Stories

Prof. Mark Tebeau
History

Hours required p/week: 9-11
Credits anticipated: 3

Student will work with Professor Mark Tebeau and the Arizona State Office of Historic Preservation to conduct research into historic landscapes (on the National Register of Historic Places) and develop stories about those landscapes for Salt River Stories (saltriverstories.org), a mobile app developed through which ASU students curate the history of the greater Phoenix region. Students will develop interpretive stories and tours, including perhaps leading a walking tour during the annual Arizona Historic Preservation Conference. Up to five students can work on this project. Review Salt River Stories for examples of other work.

Research assistant's duties:
The research assistant(s) will research historic landmarks, develop multimedia interpretive stories & tours, and work to plan a public walking tour. The project team will meet weekly (sometimes virtually via Google conference) to edit & review completed work, as well as execute social media campaign. Note: online students can participate by working with resources available digitally.

Required skills or qualifications:
Students with demonstrated research experience, interest in landscape or digital history, and ability to work independently and with ambiguous tasks.

Skills student will acquire:
Skills obtained include historical research, writing & editing, including skills in working with multimedia storytelling. Students will also become familiar with the historic preservation field, including developing relationships with local preservation leaders and becoming involved in the Arizona’s statewide historic preservation conference. Interpretive stories developed by students will be published under their name.