Undergraduate Research Opportunity

PROJECT

Religion and Mental Health in the United States

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This project is associated with the prospective development of a conference on religion and mental health that will explore the ways in which a person's experience of religion can both enhance mental health resilience and produce trauma. One goal of the project is to provide me with a bibliography of relevant peer-reviewed research into the topic of religion and mental health from the last 30 years in order to get a sense of the state of the field. In addition, this project involves gathering examples of how individuals and groups use various social media (e.g. Facebook, Reddit, Instagram) to discuss the connections between religion and mental health, with the goal of better understanding the lived experience of the religious influence of religion on mental health. This data will help support conference development.

STUDENT

Research assistant's duties:
Using ASU databases, student will research, download, and create a bibliography of resources about religion and mental health in the United States from the last 30 years. The student will also collect samples of *public* social media posts that discuss religion and mental health. Student will meet with me once a week using Google Meet for about 10 minutes and will call or message me with questions or to get other support as needed.

Required skills or qualifications:
Student should be able to be self-motivated and work independently; use ASU Libraries databases; use word processing, a digital notebook, and or a spreadsheet to organize data; access public social media.

Skills student will acquire:
Student will receive an introduction to both academic and social media resources on the topic of religion and mental health and an understanding of what is at stake for individuals and religious groups in relation to this topic; the ability to use Chicago Style Guide to cite sources; increased information literacy.