Undergraduate Research Opportunity

PROJECT

The Ethics of Dating

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I am working on a book project concerning the ethics of dating. This is an unexplored area in philosophy and applied ethics. I want to look at the early stages of relationships and pinpoint the ethical issues. Once the ethical issues are identified, an analysis of the normative import of these issues is in order. Some issues I hope to cover include: physical attraction, dating "deal breakers", approaching a potential date, online dating, sex in earlier relationships, 'ghosting', polyamory, and breaking up.

STUDENT

Research assistant’s duties:
Students would engage in relevant psychological, sociological, and philosophical research. This would involve finding and summarizing relevant scholarly articles, investigating dating websites to identify norms and common behaviors, searching for dating data from relevant professional companies, and interviewing experts and non-experts on issues relevant to project.

Required skills or qualifications:
Fluent in english, familiar with basic internet research (google scholar, JSTOR, etc), familiar with professional citation practices like APA and Chicago, background in philosophy highly desired, background in statistics, sociology, and psychology is beneficial.

Skills student will acquire:
Students will learn the process involved in researching scholarly work in the humanities and social sciences, especially skills relevant to philosophical research.

TEMPE ONLINE

Hours required p/week: 6
Credits anticipated: 2