Research Assistant position
Voices of Southern Hospitality:
Oral Histories of Life in the Lowcountry

Project Summary

In August 2019, the International Studies Program and the Addlestone Library’s Special Collections will be hiring five student Research Assistants to transcribe and document stories of southern hospitality, transnational history, and culture in Charleston.

Through the life-histories of interviewees and their views, the project is designed to create an archive of the past, present, and perhaps future of the Charleston area. Over the past thirty years (early-1990s to 2018), the peninsula and its surrounding islands have experienced rapid economic growth and rapid cultural and ecological changes. The community has transitioned from a small, southern, coastal town to a bustling tourist city attracting millions of international visitors every year (6.9 million tourists in 2017). We chronicle this profound transformation through the personal histories of Charleston residents.

The Voices of Southern Hospitality project will also provide College of Charleston students the opportunity to learn oral history and archival research methods, while also getting to know the local community.

If you are interested in this research opportunity, please email the following materials to Dr. Blake C. Scott by May 1: a 1-page personal statement; resume; and August work schedule if applicable. Finalists for the position will also participate in a brief interview. Email: scottbc@cofc.edu

Research Assistants will work closely with International Studies and archival faculty and be responsible for designing and carrying out 5 interviews with Charleston residents this summer between July 29 and August 19. RAs will also receive a $500 stipend. For more information about the project: https://speccoll.cofc.edu/about/specialprojects/voices-of-southern-hospitality