

Organization Name: Coffee County Memory Project

Internship Location: Douglas, GA/Coffee County

Number of Available Intern Positions: 2

Organization Contact Person: Dr. Wayne Clough, T Cat Ford, and Tom Johnson

Internship Semester: Summer 2019

Project Title: Coffee County Memory Project

Keywords: Research, Community Engagement, Equity

SLS Priority Issue Areas: Sustainable Development Goals

Project Background: The Coffee County Memory Project is an audio/visual and performing arts project. Primary source material includes oral histories of over 100 individuals who experienced the period of federally mandated school integration in the late 1960s and early 1970s in Coffee County, Georgia. As we add historic photographs, newspaper articles, and other documentation, our goal is to gain a multidimensional view of a pivotal moment in the growth of a community which we can share through a number of artistic platforms in order to bring about a greater understanding of the past and, by doing so, create a beneficial foundation for the future.

Project Timeline: Project is ongoing. Internship opportunity starts summer 2019.

Desired skills and qualification: Project Management; Video and Photography Editing; and Community Outreach

Aside from its agenda of reconciliation, what sets the Coffee County Memory Project apart is its intimate scale; its preference for an extensive set of first-hand reports over-mediated reports such as video clips and interviews with “experts;” and its adaptability across platforms.

With that said, the Coffee County Memory Project Summer 2019 interns will work closely with the Coffee County Historical Society; local newspaper, The Douglas Enterprise; and project leads T Cat Ford, and Tom Johnson to:

- Research and digitize historic photos
- Collect oral histories
- Edit historic videos and pictures
- Assist in creating a searchable digital drive
- Engage local community members around project’s purpose and encourage contributions

Deliverables:

- Digital portfolio of collected oral histories, pictures, and videos
- SLS Blog post