

Connecting Spirituality and Service

Haas Center for Public Service

To find out more about these opportunities, visit the websites or contact the individuals listed below. For additional service opportunities, talk with a Public Service Advising Fellow at the Haas Center.

Fellowships

The Public Service Fellowship Program provides Stanford students with summer and post-graduate opportunities to engage in intensive, professional experiences that deepen their understanding of various areas of public service, while also making important contributions to the organizations and communities in which they work.

Service and Spirituality Fellowship

Offered jointly with the Office for Religious Life and United Campus Christian Ministry, this program provides up to 4 students with the opportunity to examine, question, and explore the connections between spirituality and social change. Fellows participate in part-time internships, independent project work, weekly seminars as well as other activities. Stipend: \$3000. Eligibility: freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Deadline: winter quarter.

For more information about this and other fellowships, contact Ilana Golin (igolin@stanford.edu) or go to <http://haas.stanford.edu> and click on "Fellowships."

Service-Learning Courses

Service-learning courses feature service as an integral component of the academic curriculum. These courses are offered in a myriad of departments, from Civil and Environmental Engineering to Urban Studies.

Spirituality and Non-violent Social Transformation

(Winter quarter 2004 in the Urban Studies Program)

The Deans for Religious Life, Scotty McLennan, Patricia Karlin-Neumann, and Joanne Sanders, will be co-teaching a course which examines the interface between spirituality and nonviolent movements for social change. The course will have a service component in local community organizations devoted to nonviolent social transformation.

Ethics and Politics of Public Service

(Political Science 133)

This course provides the basis for a connection between an undergraduate's service activities and his or her academic experiences at Stanford. While presenting the historical context of public service work in the U.S., the instructor introduces the range of ethical (including religious) concerns involved with service.

For more information about these and other service-learning courses, go to <http://haas.stanford.edu> and click on "Programs," then on "Academic Connections."

Alternative Spring Break Trips

The Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program provides students with a service alternative during their spring breaks. Each trip includes a faculty-sponsored directed reading seminar during winter quarter to explore the issues the students will experience.

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In past years, there have been trips that focused on helping students gain a better understanding of the relationship between community service and spirituality by visiting and working with a variety of religious groups on a number of service projects. Leaders are needed to plan trips like the one in 2001-2002 titled "Faith and Tolerance: an examination of Religious Communities in the Bay Area and Salt Lake City, Utah." In addition to the Alternative Spring Break student group, several of the independent campus religious organizations (e.g. United Campus Christian Ministry, Hillel, and the Catholic Community) also sponsor ASB experiences.

For more information about leading or participating in an ASB trip, go to <http://www.stanford.edu/group/ASB>.

Community Service Work-Study

The Community Service Work-Study program provides an opportunity for students to develop and participate in a significant service experience, while earning a portion of their financial aid award. The federally-supported program, co-administered for Stanford University by the Haas Center for Public Service and the Financial Aid Office, allows students to undertake fulfilling work in the community.

This program provides the freedom for eligible students to design a service experience in collaboration with a partnering organization. These community partners can include faith-based organizations in the non-profit sector, such as Ecumenical Hunger Program and Urban Ministries.

For more information, contact Daisy Sanchez (daisyc@stanford.edu) or go to <http://haas.stanford.edu> and click on "Programs," and then "Community Service Work-study."

Office for Religious Life

The Deans for Religious Life oversee and provide support for Stanford Associated Religions (SAR), a membership organization of representatives from a number of self-supporting religious organizations invited to offer their ministries to the campus. Many of these communities are actively involved with service and social action work on campus and in the local community. For more information about individual members of SAR, go to <http://religiouslife.stanford.edu/sar/index.html>.

Student Organizations

There are numerous faith-related organizations on campus. Many of these organizations are involved in public service in a variety of ways. For information regarding these organizations, visit the following websites:

<http://www.stanford.edu/dept/oda/studentorgs>

<http://www.stanford.edu/group/memchu>