Hope for the Best, Plan for the Worst: Reducing the Risks of Off-Campus Research

Monday, March 4, 2019
NEW TIME - 12:00 - 2:00 pm | Student Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room
Register: https://tinyurl.com/offcampusresearchsymposium

Lunch will be served to those who register.

Whether it’s a week at an archive, a month at sea, or a year in the field, every research trip involves risks. When problems arise, the difference between a positive outcome and a negative one often boils down to planning: did you anticipate this sort of problem? And if so, how do you plan to deal with it?

During this session, participants will be presented with real case studies of graduate students who have encountered problems “in the field” – ranging from accidents and illnesses to assaults and imprisonment. With the help of peer facilitators, participants will discuss how they would have dealt with the problem before learning how the issue was ultimately resolved by the people involved.

By the end of this workshop, students will walk away with:

- An understanding of why safety plans are important for off-campus research activities
- A list of some potential problems they themselves might encounter “in the field”
- A resource list of campus-based services that can assist before, during, and after a problem occurs
- A script for talking with advisors about issues of safety and risk management

Topics covered during this symposium will include sensitive issues, including but not limited to violence and sexual assault. Participant discretion is advised.