



Gender and Social Justice Internship Organizations*

Ending Violent Encounters (EVE) – EVE’s mission is to provide shelter and support services to survivors of domestic violence and their children. Internships are offered in crisis intervention, children’s programs, advocacy, sexual assault prevention, counseling, public relations, and housing assistance. Intensive training required. Location: Lansing and East Lansing, MI. <http://www.eveinc.org>

Haven House – Haven House is a shelter for seven or eight families who are all in crisis and homeless. Interns will have interaction with the families (both adults and children) and have opportunities to learn all aspects of operating a small non-profit human service organization. Intern duties will vary depending on the needs of Haven House and the families. Location: East Lansing, MI. <http://www.havenhouseel.org>

Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan – Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan represents the political interests of Planned Parenthood. Activities center on lobbying for abortion rights or birth control issues, women’s health care, and electoral work. Interns help with volunteers, lobbying, or administrative duties. This position is ideal for someone with grassroots organizing skills or interests. Location: Lansing, MI. <http://www.miplannedparenthood.org>

Planned Parenthood Clinic – This internship is ideal for students with a medical background or interest in medicine. Clinical assistants help prepare rooms for patients, track lab slides, etc. There are also opportunities to learn about birth control methods and pregnancy options counseling. Locations: Lansing and East Lansing, MI. <http://www.miplannedparenthood.org>

Michigan Equality – The mission of this statewide organization is to build and use political power to promote equality and eliminate discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. This is accomplished by educating the citizens of Michigan about the LGBT community through various programs, including Coming Out Stories, coverage of LGBT history, town hall forums, progressive policy and faith based education. Michigan Equality also lobbies the state legislature on issues such as: hate crimes, marriage equality, partner benefits, adoption, civil rights, and HIV funding. Location: Lansing, MI. <http://www.michiganequality.org>

Michigan Women’s Commission – Interns will work to help educate Michigan residents about women’s issues. Internships may include such duties as researching and writing articles, working on the MWC Newsletter, and researching the MWC annual report. Location: Lansing, MI. <http://www.michigan.gov/mdcr/0,1607,7-138-4957---,00.html>

The Listening Ear – Students who work at the Listening Ear will need to complete 65 hours of training before they can begin their internship. The internship itself will include a variety of experiences. The main role is that of volunteer crisis counselor both on the phone and in person at the Listening Ear. Location: East Lansing, MI. <http://www.thelisteningear.net>

St. Vincent Catholic Charities (STVCC), Refugee Services – STVCC provides services to thousands of children, families and adults, including housing support, counseling, immigration law services, medical care, adoption, etc. Refugee services specifically works to assist refugees from countries around the world adjust and establish new lives in the United States. Interns can work on a variety of programs and gain hands-on experience regarding refugee resettlement by working with refugees in the Greater Lansing area. Location: Lansing, MI. <http://www.stvcc.org>

Triangle Foundation - As an intern, you will be an integral part of Michigan’s largest, most dynamic GLBT advocacy organization. Triangle Foundation interns work with the media, lobby elected officials, and work in victim assistance and advocacy, opposition research, and other essential tasks. While you help us help our community you’ll be learning real-world tasks that will help you in your eventual career. In addition, our interns participate in staff meetings where their voices are heard and their opinions valued. Locations: Detroit and Grand Rapids. <http://www.tri.org>



Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change Internship Organizations*



Allen Neighborhood Center – The Allen Neighborhood Center (ANC) serves as a hub for neighborhood education and capacity building by offering activities that promote the health, safety, and stability of families and neighborhoods on the Eastside of Lansing. ANC provides neighborhood-based, comprehensive information and referral service, linking residents to housing, health, and human service providers throughout the area and a local 'learning space' for residents of all ages, featuring a variety of classes and programs. Location: Lansing, MI.
<http://www.allenneighborhoodcenter.org>

Clean Water Action – “Clean Water Action is a national citizens' organization working for clean, safe and affordable water, prevention of health-threatening pollution, creation of environmentally-safe jobs and businesses, and empowerment of people to make democracy work.” In Michigan, Clean Water Action works on a wide range of projects related to clean water, air and environmental health. Location: East Lansing, MI.
<http://www.cleanwateraction.org/mi/index.html>

The Ecology Center – “The Ecology Center works for a just and healthy environment through grassroots organizing, advocacy, education, and demonstration projects.” Major programs include: Environmental Health Project - uncovering the connections between environmental pollutions and human health. GEE-WOW – K-12 environmental education program. Auto Project - promoting real-world solutions to reduce and eliminate pollution from automobile manufacturing. Land Use - preserving farmland and natural areas, concentrate development where infrastructure exists, and reduce traffic congestion.” Location: Ann Arbor, MI. <http://www.ecocenter.org>

Higher Grounds Trading Company – Higher ground is a small company promoting and selling Fair Trade and other sustainably harvested coffee. “Higher Grounds Trading Co. is a company driven by its social mission and a couple of ambitious social entrepreneurs. Our mission is to provide you with premium, gourmet coffees while supporting our coffee-producing partners who are leaders in sustainable development and environmental preservation.” Location: Leland, MI. <http://www.javaforjustice.com>

Lansing Garden Project – “The Garden Project offers support to both home and community gardeners in the Lansing/East Lansing area enabling them to grow and preserve their own fresh vegetables.” The Lansing Garden Project fosters community development, local environmental stewardship and opportunities to increase food security in low-income areas. Location: Lansing, MI. <http://www.lansingfoodbank.org/index.php/garden-project/>

Michigan Environmental Council – “The Michigan Environmental Council (MEC) provides a collective voice for the environment at the local, state and federal levels. Working with our member groups and their collective membership of nearly 200,000 residents, MEC is addressing the primary assaults on Michigan’s environment; promoting alternatives to urban blight and suburban sprawl; advocating for a sustainable environment and economy; protecting Michigan’s water legacy; promoting cleaner energy; and working to diminish environmental impacts on children’s health.” Location: Lansing, MI. <http://www.mecprotects.org>

The Refugee Development Center – The Refugee Development Center is a compassionate center of learning for refugees and the people who serve them throughout the Lansing area. Refugees find a menu of traditional and self-based learning opportunities, tutoring programs, cultural and community orientations, and resources to use at their own speed. The center is an open and inclusive place for the community to welcome newcomers and for refugees to locate the existing resources they need to flourish as independent residents of Lansing. Location: Lansing, MI.
<http://www.refugeedevlopmentcenter.com>

Urban Options - Urban options offers practical energy efficiency and environmental sustainability solutions for residents and businesses in Michigan by providing information, educational programs, demonstrations, and energy efficiency programs and services that encourage practical actions. Location: East Lansing, MI.
<http://www.urbanoptions.org>

GenCen & GJEC National Internship Organizations*

Amnesty International – Amnesty International USA offers a number of different internship opportunities throughout the year and in several US locations (Chicago, New York, Washington DC). Students work on human rights issues and can engage in educational, media, and outreach campaigns, or on government relations, or as country specialists. <http://www.amnestyusa.org>.

Center for Environmental Health and Justice – “Center for Health, Environment and Justice was founded in 1981, by Lois Gibbs, the community leader at Love Canal. CHEJ seeks to help local citizens and organizations come together and take an organized, unified stand in order to hold industry and government accountable and work toward a healthy, sustainable future.” Location: Falls Church, VA. <http://www.chej.org>.

Cultural Survival – “Cultural Survival promotes the rights, voices, and visions of indigenous peoples. Goals: To increase global understanding of indigenous peoples’ rights, cultures, and concerns; and to empower indigenous peoples to be better self-advocates, and to partner with them to advocate for their human rights.” Location: Cambridge, MA. <http://www.culturalsurvival.org>.

Human Rights Campaign – “The Human Rights Campaign is America’s largest civil rights organization working to achieve gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality. By inspiring and engaging all Americans, HRC strives to end discrimination against GLBT citizens and realize a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all.” Location: Washington, DC. <http://www.hrc.org>

Madre – “As a human rights organization, MADRE does much more than document and condemn abuses. We work with women who are affected by violations to help them win justice and, ultimately, change the conditions that give rise to human rights abuses. And we challenge US policies that undermine human rights.” Location: New York, NY. <http://www.madre.org>.

NARAL – For more than 30 years, NARAL Pro-Choice America has been the nation’s leading advocate for privacy and a woman’s right to choose. With more than one million members and supporters, NARAL Pro-Choice America is fighting to protect the pro-choice values of freedom and privacy. Location: Washington. DC. <http://www.prochoiceamerica.org>

Oxfam America – “Oxfam America is a Boston-based international development and relief agency and an affiliate of Oxfam International. Working with local partners, Oxfam delivers development programs and emergency relief services, and campaigns for change in global practices and policies that keep people in poverty.” Location: Boston, MA. <http://www.oxfamamerica.org>

Women’s Environmental & Developmental Organization – “WEDO is an international organization that advocates for women’s equality in global policy. It seeks to empower women as decision makers to achieve economic, social and gender justice, a healthy, peaceful planet and human rights for all.” Location: New York, NY. <http://www.wedo.org>

*This is a partial list of organizations; contact the GJEC Internship Coordinator about opportunities at other organizations.

Other Gender Related MSU Sponsored Internship Opportunities:

Semester Study Program in Washington, DC - MSU's Semester Study Program in Washington, DC provides an exceptional opportunity for qualified junior and senior students of Michigan State University to live and work in our nation's capital while maintaining a full program of academic study. The twelve-week program offers a full semester of courses (students earn 12-15 MSU credits) and includes a 32-hour per week internship. The Program is open to all majors and all colleges on campus. Interested students are urged to meet with their respective advisors for detailed information regarding course availability and academic credit. For more information, go to: www.socialscience.msu.edu/dcprogram

Hawaii Study and Internship Program - MSU's Hawaii Experience is an insider's view of native Hawaiian culture experienced on the two distinctly different islands of Hawaii (The "Big Island") and Oahu. Each summer, two unique programs are offered: The **Study Program**, where students learn, alongside University of Hawaii students, in-depth aspects of native culture, including, but not limited to the importance of land, mountains and sea to survival; the role family ("hosanna") plays in native cultures; and the importance of serving others. The **Internship Program**, for MSU seniors, offers interns an opportunity to work alongside Honolulu professionals in a wide variety of venues. For more information, go to: www.socialscience.msu.edu/hawaii