

Become an

URBAN ETHNOGRAPHER

at UCLA this summer!

Research Experience for Undergraduates 2008 Summer Program in Ethnographic Research: “LA at PLAY”

Participate in the **National Science Foundation REU Site at UCLA**. The program offers undergraduates interested in social science research the opportunity to acquire valuable training and hands-on experience working with faculty and graduate students in the Department of Sociology.

“LA at PLAY” draws together ongoing faculty research projects looking at contemporary urban life in Los Angeles. This summer we will examine public place conflicts and their resolution, how people organize visits to beaches, museums, malls, parks, clubs, and other entertainment venues as collective “outings,” and other dimensions of public place interaction in these and similar settings.

Through course work and field experience, students will be trained in ethnographic research, including observational methods and interviewing techniques. Additional career advising will also be offered.

Student recruitment: We are looking for a diverse group of talented undergraduates to participate in the program. Students from all types of institutions are welcome to apply.

Check out our website for student views of program experience:

<http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/nsfreu/>

Deadline for submissions is **April 1, 2008**.

The **point-of-contact** person for the program is:

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The **REU summer program** will take place over an eight-week period from June 16 to August 10, 2008. Participants will be awarded tuition and registration fees, stipends of \$3400, \$400 in research and subsistence support, and full student privileges at UCLA.

Academic coursework: Students will be enrolled in two concurrent upper-division courses in sociology for a total of 10 units. Completion of the REU program will culminate in a professional-quality writing sample.

Research training: *The REU program should be considered as a full-time job for the summer.* Student researchers will work closely with principal investigators and other research supervisors for 8-10 hours per week on-campus, and will engage in independent fieldwork at a given site for another 10-12 hours per week. Additional hours will be devoted to reading course materials and writing field notes.

Qualifications and Application:

Students from any social science discipline will be admitted, however, those who have satisfied the prerequisite of at least one introductory level and one upper-division sociology course will be preferred. Students should have a minimum 3.2 GPA.

To apply for the program, students must submit an application form, personal statement, letter of recommendation, and college transcripts to the address on this form.

(Click here for the [application form](#)).