



Stone Center for Latin American Studies

10th Annual

Weekend Workshop on Field Research Methods

9 AM – 3 PM, Saturday, January 27, 2018 (*Doors open 8:30 for breakfast*)

Greenleaf Conference Room, Jones Hall

Light breakfast and lunch will be provided

Not for Credit

How will you get the data you need for your thesis or dissertation? Do you envision immersing yourself for months in the local culture ... Or tromping the hills and farms seeking respondents ... Sorting through dusty archives in a ministry archive ... Observing musicians at work in the plaza.... Downloading and crunching numbers on a computer? For any of these approaches: How might you get there, from here?

This workshop aims to help you approach your data collection and analysis for your thesis or dissertation topic, adapt and refine your topic to be more feasible. You will take your research project ideas to the next step—whatever that may be, including raising travel grants. Learn to:

- Plan more efficient, feasible, and rewarding fieldwork
- Prepare more compelling and persuasive grant proposals
- Navigate choices of research methods and course offerings on campus
- Become a better research and fieldwork team-member

Format This is an engaged, hands-on, informal workshop. Everyone shares ideas and participates. We will explore and compare research approaches, share experiences and brainstorm alternatives. You will be encouraged to think differently about your topic, questions, and study sites as well as language preparation, budgets, and logistics. The participatory format is intended to spark constructive new thinking, strategies, and student networks to continue learning about (and conducting) field research.

Who is leading this? Laura Murphy, PhD, faculty in Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences, and affiliate faculty in the Stone Center for Latin American Studies.

Who is this for? The workshop is targeted to Stone Center graduate students as well as graduate students from other programs (GCHB, CCC, humanities, sciences, and others) if space is available. The workshop will be particularly helpful for those who envision research with human subjects.

Sign Up Sign up as soon as you can! Apply by January 20, 2018, latest to confirm your spot. Send an email with the following details (in the body or attached): Your name, Department and Degree program, Year at Tulane, Prior experience in research, esp. field research; Academic training in research design and methods. Important: Include a short 1-paragraph statement of your current research interests and immediate plans/needs (i.e., organize summer field research).

For more information and/or to apply: Contact Laura Murphy to Laura Murphy, lmurphy2@tulane.edu; Jimmy Huck (jhuck@tulane.edu)