Southern Truth and Reconciliation—STAR Inc. is a University-Community partnership that links Emory University to the emerging development of truth and reconciliation commissions in the U.S. Several years ago this partnership issued in the University’s strategic Initiative on Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding: http://tinyurl.com/jpa42hw

STAR remains among the very few organizations in North America seeking to establish truth commissions for our own U.S. domestic issues of social justice, including the legacy of racial/ethnic violence. See www.southerntruth.net

In that context we invite graduate student interns who want to further develop their social justice research skills alongside participating in the growth and development of a regional nonprofit.

Research Skills:
1) collecting and archiving profiles of local and regional communities that bear the legacy of racial violence, particularly the relevant governmental and non-governmental institutions, and the key civic and faith-based constituencies, and

2) correlating those profiles with the available models for truth commissions found in South America and Eastern Europe, the most familiar being South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). See the related resource, “Strategic Design of Truth Commissions” at www.truthcommission.org.

Administrative Tasks:
3) Organize, network, and prepare for our planning meetings with local Atlanta community partners and with our regional and international partners beyond Atlanta;

4) Maintain and distribute accurate minutes of our monthly meetings, maintain e-mail and postal correspondence, and produce our periodic E-Newsletter;

5) Assist the director and board members in planning conference events and in conducting the organization’s other business affairs including financial accounting and membership;

6) Assist the director and board members in marketing or publicity efforts including working with a webmaster, brochure design, fundraising and grants writing.

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