**Department:** Sociology

**Faculty Supervisor:** Allison Pugh

**Specialization:** Culture, family, work, gender/sexualities

**Research Focus:** Professor Pugh has two projects with which the student might become involved: 1) an investigation of parental leave among UVA faculty, staff, and graduate students; and 2) research on multi-parent families, including hetero- and LGBT step-families, and how they manage childrearing across households. Both involve in-depth interviewing.

**Job Description:** PLEASE NOTE THIS POSITION IS AVAILABLE FOR SPRING 2014 SEMESTER ONLY. 1) assist in recruitment of potential subjects through social media, flyers, phone calls, etc.; 2) assist in tracking subjects/data through Microsoft Excel, Word, and possibly the online program Dedoose; 3) other activities may include observations of children/families, transcription, and coding/analysis of interview data. Student will be trained in Dedoose, ethnographic observations, coding, and other job-specific skills as needed.

**Required Skills/Knowledge:** 1) discretion is most important – data will be confidential and student must be able to maintain confidentiality; 2) familiarity with social media, including Facebook and meetup; 3) rudimentary Excel skills. Preferable (but not required) that student can drive and has access to a car: study participants for the second project will likely be located in Richmond or DC. Interested students can explore the online application, Dedoose.

**Required Courses:** Any sociology course, especially courses focusing on gender, family, work, and/or qualitative research methods.

**Training:** The student selected for this position will need to complete on-line certification training on ethics in social science research provided through Social Sciences Institutional Review Board before beginning work.

**What You Will Learn:** Through this research-work opportunity, you will learn: 1) how to approach and manage a qualitative research project; 2) how to conduct/collect qualitative data; and 3) how to code/analyze qualitative data. You will also gain substantive knowledge about how employed people handle work/family conflict around early parenthood (and how institutions can shape that) and how multi-parent families deploy cultural strategies to handle challenges of childrearing across households (and how institutions can shape that).

**Suggested readings:**