

# Experiential Learning

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# Forms of Experiential Learning

- Internship
- Service-learning
- Study abroad
- Research
- Fieldwork



# Fieldwork

- Different definitions and purposes depending on field
- Observing and/or participating in a real world context



# Fieldwork in AFPRL

- AFPRL established in 1969 in the context of the civil rights movement
- AFPRL resulted from students demands for:
  - a more inclusive curriculum that represented the student body
  - faculty to teach these courses
  - library resources
  - existing fieldwork courses moved to AFPRL

# Fieldwork as Service Learning

○ Two-fold goals that meld **theory and praxis**:

1. Strengthening the department's and college's connection to the larger New York City community
2. Prepare students to apply coursework to a real world context

# Re-envisioning Fieldwork

- Career-readiness
- Ethics of paid and unpaid internships
- Departmental relationships with community-based and governmental organizations
- Maintaining a commitment to service whereby the experience is both beneficial for the student **and** the community