

Social insurance Undergraduate Research
Fellowship

SURF

May 15th-June 9th, 2023

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- ▶ Goals:
 - ▶ Learn a lot about the Social Safety Net
 - ▶ Meet and learn from experts in the field
 - ▶ Gain helpful skills related to social science research
 - ▶ Learn about potential career opportunities
 - ▶ Have fun!

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- ▶ Basic Learning Framework:
 - ▶ Week 1: Social Safety Net and Poverty Overview
 - ▶ Week 2: Disability
 - ▶ Week 3: Social Security
 - ▶ Week 4: SNAP
- ▶ For each topic we will discuss:
 - ▶ History and Policies
 - ▶ Basic Economics/Rationale
 - ▶ Related Research

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- ▶ Aside from Lectures we will:
 - ▶ Group discussions of “Trapped in America’s Safety Net”
 - ▶ Guest speakers
 - ▶ Skill modules
 - ▶ Write a policy memo
 - ▶ Play games (Memory/Debate)

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 2. End of SURF (2nd week in June)
 3. End of June

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- ▶ Homework For Week 1:
 - ▶ “Trapped” Readings: Chapters 1 (Wed) and 2 (Fri)
 - ▶ Coding HW
 - ▶ Debate #1 Prep
 - ▶ Policy Memo (some in-class time)

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- ▶ Next: Let's all meet each other!

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- ▶ Second - Play two truths and one lie:
 - ▶ Tell us 2 truths and 1 lie about yourself. Then we will guess which is the lie.