“The Immigrant Experience in Waltham: A Service-based Practicum” fall 2017

• Interested in community service with immigrants in Waltham and getting course credit for it?
• Interested in reflecting on your personal and academic experiential learning with a small group of peers?

Consider applying!

What: 2-credit course “The Immigrant Experience in Waltham: A Service-based Practicum” (EL16a)

Who’s eligible: Students can apply who enrolled in one of these base courses either this semester or within the past year: AAAS177a, AMST55a, ANTH1a, IGS10a, POL 184a, SOC 122a

When: Wednesdays from 12 – 12:50 p.m. starting Wed. Sept. 6

Course instructor: Marci McPhee of the Ethics Center

Hands-on community work (3 hours/week) may involve:

• Tutoring immigrant mothers or their preschool children learning English at Waltham Family School, Moody Street
  OR
• Supporting technology access for underserved populations at Charles River Public Internet Center, Moody Street
  OR
• Assisting with after-school enrichment for elementary and middle school children at Prospect Hill Community Center, a low-income housing neighborhood in Waltham
  OR
• Assisting with adult English classes at "Breaking Barriers" at WATCH CDC, off Moody Street

Class: In addition to volunteering with immigrants, participants meet weekly as a group (Wednesdays from 12 – 12:50 p.m.) to reflect on their learning. Students will also complete written and oral assignments that connect their community experiences with the frameworks and analytical methods of their base course (see above).

By the numbers: 2 credits for 1 hour/week of class and 3 hours/week of community service.

Applications due: Applications are accepted until the class is filled, with a final deadline of Monday Sept. 4 (Labor Day) by midnight. You will receive a response no later than Tuesday Sept. 5 about whether your application is accepted. The practicum begins Wed. Sept 6 at 12 p.m. (location TBA).

Questions? Contact the instructor Marci McPhee mcphee@brandeis.edu or visit brandeis.edu/ethics/atbrandeis/courses_spring_2017