TITLE OF PROJECT: Religious Divorce in Boston: Exploring Jewish and Muslim Processes
(Undergraduate / Graduate Student Project)

PROJECT INFORMATION
The HBI project on Gender, Culture, Religion and the Law supports research and activism, explores conflicts between women's claims to gender equality and legal norms justified in terms of religious and cultural traditions. Dr. Lisa Fishbayn Joffe, the program's director, is beginning a new project exploring how couples divorcing in Massachusetts negotiate religious and civil divorce. Her focus during the summer of 2016 will be divorce in the Islamic community. She is hoping to identify areas of commonality and difference between the challenges women face in securing a religious divorce in the Islamic and Jewish communities.

Dr. Fishbayn Joffe is looking for a research assistant who will work with her on identifying resources and contacts on Islamic divorce in Boston, researching Islamic divorce processes in the US and drafting materials to provide guidance to lawyers who may be assisting clients seeking a religious divorce.

PROFILE OF APPROPRIATE CANDIDATE
- Demonstrated background in Islamic and Jewish studies, legal studies, or law and gender studies
- Excellent writing skills
- Creativity
- Demonstrated initiative
- Strong organizational skills