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 that 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 conducting research exploring how couples divorcing in Massachusetts negotiate religious and civil divorce. Her focus during the summer of 2017 will be on local Islamic divorce processes to identify areas of commonality and difference between the challenges women face in securing a religious divorce in the American Islamic and Jewish communities.

Dr. Fishbayn Joffe is looking for an intern to assist with implementing and analyzing interviews with local clergy about their role in processing divorce disputes under religious law.

PROFILE OF APPROPRIATE CANDIDATE
- Demonstrated background in Islamic and Jewish studies, sociology, legal studies, or law and gender studies
- Excellent writing skills
- Experience conducting research interviews a plus
- Creativity
- Demonstrated initiative
- Strong organizational skills