

**HIST 315: Western Civilization and Sustainability  
Service-Learning Component**

**Definition**

"Service-learning is a philosophy of experiential learning [integrated into and enhancing academic curriculum] in which students participate in community service not only to meet the needs of the community, but also to develop their critical thinking skills, commitment to values, and skills for effective citizenship."

Mintz & Liu, 1994

**Objectives and Process**

The purpose of your service-learning project is to connect what we do in the classroom with the "real" world. Service-learning projects provide an opportunity to help you develop a more complex understanding of our topics in class, as well as a deeper sense of their relevance.

Each student will choose one service-learning project to complete before the end of the semester. If possible, a group opportunity will be provided. There is no absolute rule regarding number of hours, but the project should be substantial enough to merit reflection on our course themes. Many projects will fall between three and six hours of time; others may be on-going or of a more significant or permanent nature. Please check with me if you are in any doubt as to whether what you have chosen will work for this assignment.

A reflection paper of 5-7 pages single-spaced is due on the last day of class. Your task in the paper is to connect our course content with your experience in a meaningful way.

**Service Opportunities**

**Audobon Society of Salem**

[Audobons@qwestoffice.net](mailto:Audobons@qwestoffice.net)

503-588-7340

<http://audubons.qwestoffice.net/>

**Chemawa Indian School Wetlands Restoration Project**

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503-370-6615

**City of Salem Parks and Recreation**

Tibby Larson, Volunteer Coordinator

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503-589-2197

**City of Salem Natural Resources**

Deborah Topp, Volunteer Coordinator

[DTopp@cityofsalem.net](mailto:DTopp@cityofsalem.net)

503-588-6211

**Earth Share of Oregon**

Laura Moran

503-802-8100

[orvolunteers@tnc.org](mailto:orvolunteers@tnc.org)

<http://www.earthshare-oregon.org/volunteer/>

**Greenpeace**

866-501-2802 ext 5 (office in San Francisco for local global warming campaign information)

[www.greenpeace.org](http://www.greenpeace.org)

**Marion-Polk Food Share Community Gardens**

Jordan Blake, Community Garden Coordinator

[jblake@marionpolkfoodshare.org](mailto:jblake@marionpolkfoodshare.org)

503-581-3855 ext 329 (work); 503-798-0457 (work cell)

[www.marionpolkfoodshare.org/](http://www.marionpolkfoodshare.org/)

**Nature Conservancy in Oregon**

Molly Dougherty, Director of Volunteer Programs

[mdougherty@tnc.org](mailto:mdougherty@tnc.org)

503-802-8100

[nature.org/Oregon](http://nature.org/Oregon)

**Oregon State Parks and Silver Falls State Park**

Tim Wood, Director

[volunteer.info@state.or.us](mailto:volunteer.info@state.or.us)

(503) 986-0719

[http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/VOL/about\\_us.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/VOL/about_us.shtml)

**SOLV**

[www.solv.org](http://www.solv.org)

**Zena Forest**

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