Research Assistant Positions

Project title: Examining the Long-Term Consequences of the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921.

Principal investigators: Nathan Nunn (Harvard University), James Feigenbaum (Boston University) and Alex Albright (Harvard University).

Start date: As soon as available.

Duration: The equivalent of 20 hours per week for 15 weeks. There is the possibility of additional employment. The exact timing of when the work is done is flexible. (If you’re a current student, committing 10-15 hours/week works.)

Payment: Approximately $15-25 per hour depending on experience.

Desired experience: Must be meticulous, organized and detail-oriented. Previous experience with ArcGIS, Stata, R, or Python is beneficial, but not at all necessary. A background in economics is not necessary. We welcome applicants from all fields in and out of academia. (The position is a good fit for someone who plans to apply for a PhD in the future.)

Overview: We are looking for multiple RA’s to work on a project that studies the long-term consequences of the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921. During the Riot, 35 square blocks of the thriving African-American community were completely destroyed. African Americans were taken to internment centers at gunpoint. Their homes and businesses were looted and then set on fire. The business district was also firebombed from the air, resulting in its destruction. The vibrant African-American community, once hailed as “Black Wall Street,” had been burned to the ground. The analysis uses archival documents and Census data to empirically trace out the long-term effects of this event on those involved and their descendants.

Research assistants will be involved in digitizing, organizing, and maintaining a database built on documents from the Tulsa archives. One RA will be involved in mapping the data spatially.

To apply: Interested applicants should send their CV and a statement of interest (~500 words) to Alex Albright at: apalbright@g.harvard.edu. We will continue to accept applications until all positions are filled.