**Position/Research Description:** A successful candidate will be joining an international research team of economists studying the dynamics of discrimination in public accommodations in the pre-Civil Rights era. We are looking for a dedicated and meticulous research assistant to undertake the digitization of U.S. Census of Business records. Our main object of study is the Green Books. During the Jim Crow era finding overnight accommodations, purchasing gasoline, and having a meal on the road posed major challenges for African American motorists, particularly in the American South. The Green Books provided a listing of establishments across the U.S. that would serve African American customers. The aim of this project is to combine information from the Green Book directories and the U.S. Census of Business to create a measure of "access to services" in different towns/counties that allows for comparison across time and space of the discrimination facing African Americans. The central task of this position will be the careful digitization of establishment counts by county using published versions of the U.S. Census of Business. The goal is to create a database that has the listing of establishments, by type (eating places, accommodations, service stations) for all counties in the United States. Later this information will be combined with Green Books location information to gain a better understanding of the economic and historical forces behind the decision of an establishment to serve African Americans or discriminate against them.

**Skills Needed:** Experience with Microsoft Excel (mandatory), experience with data entry and working with large datasets (preferred)

**Compensation:** Salary/Stipend/Work-Study

**Time Commitment:** 10-20 hours per week starting autumn 2017. Approx. 6 months

**Minimum GPA & Major Requirements:** 2.75 – Economics, History, Geography, Statistics (2nd – 4th year students)

**To Apply:** Please send a resume to logan.155@osu.edu to be considered for the position.