

Project Assistant for The Anna Deavere Smith Pipeline Project

[The Anna Deavere Smith Pipeline Project](#) is the newest research and artistic work by acclaimed actress and playwright Anna Deavere Smith. It examines the lack of opportunity and resources for many young people living in poverty, and how these circumstances often lead them into the criminal justice system. The resulting play will be based on interviews conducted by Ms. Smith. The Pipeline Project seeks a project assistant with a journalistic background to support all aspects of research in South Carolina. The position will be for the last week of January with additional work in February and March. Project assistants will be responsible for supporting the following tasks:

- Advance work in communities where interviews and performances will take place
- Help with identifying potential interviewees
- Archiving documents and interviews
- General assistance to the rest of the research team

Requirements:

- Background in journalism or research
- Geographical and cultural knowledge of Charleston, surrounding areas, and South Carolina
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Attention to detail
- Driver's license

This position may be a particular good fit for someone with a strong journalism background, or a background in politics. Flexible time is required. An interest in the education and juvenile justice systems are useful.

About The Anna Deavere Smith Pipeline Project

“The Pipeline Project” is the newest work by Anna Deavere Smith. It examines the lack of opportunity and resources many young people in this country face, especially those of color and those living in poverty. Using her signature form of theater and through interviews of hundreds of individuals, Ms. Smith seeks to understand why we have let so many of our nation's children why we have let so many of our nation's children drop out of school; suffer in regards to their physical and mental health; and wind up incarcerated in juvenile facilities.

The play was performed in Berkeley last July and Baltimore last December in critically-acclaimed and sold-out runs. Charles McNulty of the LA Times listed the Berkeley production as one of the best theater experiences of 2015, and the project has been profiled by NewsHour, NPR, The Washington Post, and The Baltimore Sun, among others.

About Anna Deavere Smith

Anna Deavere Smith is a playwright, actress and professor at New York University. She is said to have created a new form of theater. In 2012, she was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Medal by President Obama. She is the recipient of numerous other awards, including the prestigious MacArthur “Genius” Grant, the Dorothy and Lillian Gish Prize, two Tony nominations, and a Pulitzer Prize nomination for *Fires in the Mirror*. Most recently, she

was named the 2015 Jefferson Lecturer by the National Endowment for the Humanities. She is best known to the general public for her roles as Nancy McNally on *The West Wing* and Gloria Akalitus on *Nurse Jackie*.

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