

Research Assistant for Professor Peter Hammer with Professor Bernadette Atuahene

Professor Bernadette Atuahene, who was a visiting professor at the Law School in 2017-2018, is seeking law students to assist her with several research projects in Winter 2019 related to the tax foreclosure crisis. Professor Peter Hammer will be the supervising faculty member on the Wayne State faculty although students should expect to work directly with Professor Atuahene.

Professor Atuahene's work focuses on the following problem:

In the last 5 years, 1 in 4 Detroit homes have been subject to property tax foreclosure. We have not seen this number of property tax foreclosures since the Great Depression. More troubling, a recent study found that between 2009-2015 the City assessed between 55%-85% of Detroit homes at rates that violated the Michigan Constitution, placing the unprecedented number of property tax foreclosures in disrepute. For more information, read this op-ed in the *New York Times*:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/22/opinion/sunday/dont-let-detroits-revival-rest-on-an-injustice.html>

Requirements: Applicants must be current Wayne State University Law School students with stellar research and writing skills, who are able to work independently and meet deadlines. Please indicate in your cover letter the number of hours per week and the time period during which you would be available to work. Your cover letter and resume should be sent to Nicholas Aquino nick@streetdemocracy.org no later than Monday, February 4, 2019.