Preservation/Conservation Internship

Interns will gain experience preserving historical collections by:

- Learning proper handling techniques, monitoring temperature and humidity levels, and ensuring objects are appropriately stored.
- Assisting the conservator with making adhesive, digitally photographing items before and after treatment, and writing condition reports.
- Repairing damaged items through conservation treatment; surface cleaning and tear repair.

Missouri State Archives

http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/

Missouri State Archives is the repository for state records of historical value.

Interns with the Archives will have the opportunity to:

- Develop an expertise in accessing, researching, and analyzing primary documents such as birth, death, and marriage certificates; property deeds; probate, cemetery, and war records.
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- Serve a larger audience–create web sites specific to particular collections.
- Serve the local Records Preservation Program in county courthouses.
- Learn to preserve microfilm.
- Assist in the production of exhibits and educational programming for the public.
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- Conduct an oral history interview.
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Oral History Internship

Oral History Interns will learn about the field of oral history through hands-on experience by:

- Conducting an oral history interview.
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- Reading and listening to previous oral history interviews to gain perspective on how a transcript goes from initial recording to final transcript with the input of the interviewer, interviewee, transcriber, and editor.
- Actually transcribing and editing oral history interviews.
- Researching a particular topic and person to prepare and write interview questions.
- Learning how to use digital audio equipment to record an oral history interview.
- Conducting an oral history interview.

Curatorial/Public Programming

This internship offers students the opportunity to work with the Society's curatorial and programming divisions to develop new exhibitions, produce educational and promotional materials, and organize institutional programs and events. During the semester interns will explore the world of materials research, and gain hands-on research skills, and gain behind-the-scenes insight into the making of exhibitions, programs, and events at the State Historical Society. Responsibilities can include:

- Researching and writing educational material for exhibitions and programs.
- Conducting public and school tours of the Society galleries and resources.
- Creating a case exhibition using the resources of the State Historical Society's art collections.
- Assisting with planning and organizing the annual members’ meeting of the State Historical Society and/or the SHS sponsored Missouri Conference on History.
- Developing and conducting educational outreach with schools.
- Developing promotional material for programs and exhibitions.
- Participate in media promotions via the SHS website as well as broadcast, print, and social media.

The American Historical Association

https://www.historians.org/

AHA members are involved in all fields of history, with wide-ranging specializations, interests, and areas of employment.

Public History

What does a public historian do? Want to know more? Check out these public history sites to find out.

http://www.publichistory.org/what_is/definition.html

National Council on Public History

http://nch.org

Internships ~ History 4940

Read Hall – Home of the Department of History

Earn credit while exploring what a History major can do! Three (3) credit hours will be awarded toward your history major.

Is a Department of History Internship Worthwhile?

The opportunities for history majors are endless. Museums, libraries, the National Park Service, and private agencies, as well as numerous government agencies and programs administered at the federal, state, and local levels are only some examples of where you can use your history major. Teaching at the K-12, undergraduate, and/or graduate levels is yet another avenue of opportunity for history graduates.

The private sector needs history graduates who can bring an ability to see the big picture, brainstorm and problem solve, analyze past performance and future trends.

Think about what you want an internship to do for you—if you want to make a difference and if you want to get history credit for your efforts, a Department of History internship may be for you!

Additional Resources

The Supreme Court of Missouri

The Supreme Court of Missouri welcomes student researchers interested in learning about the legal and social history of the highest court in the state.

Selected interns will gain knowledge of a vast variety of legal and historical aspects such as:

- the role of law and the courts in society
- territorial law, the U.S. Civil War, economic development, and politics
- famous and infamous Missouri legal cases
- judicial and legal biographies
- Missouri's innovative and influential non-partisan court plan

Possible student projects vary greatly and will be jointly determined based on student interest and court need, such as creating a database of past judges of the Court. Selected students will gain:

- familiarity with the working operations of a law library
- significant knowledge of the history of the Supreme Court of Missouri and function of the Court
- experience in research and design for multiple exhibits located throughout the Court.

Students will also be able to hone public speaking skills through conducting educational tours of the Court to a wide variety of members of the general public.

While students will learn about the law through practical legal and history research skills, no prior legal knowledge is required. Strong writing and research skills are an advantage.

Interns are housed in the law library, which was constructed in 1907, and is home to documents from the Dred Scott case.

For an application or additional information regarding any of the internships, please see Jenny Morton, Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Curricular Department of History.

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This unique internship offers the priceless opportunity to touch many areas of non-profit work. Interns will do meaningful work on a daily basis and will have the unique experience of having spent their internship in a cemetery! The internship opportunity will work directly under the cemetery director focusing on events coordination, marketing, social media, and genealogical research. There is flexibility in scheduling work hours. Responsibilities may include:

- Research notable individuals interred at Riverview and maintain database of mini biographies on website.
- Research, script, schedule and present programs regarding Riverview's history, genealogy, and research, and/or historic burials.
- Respond to telephone, mail and email inquiries regarding upcoming events and programs.
- Maintain and update special events on website and Facebook.
- Assist with publicity for events and programs including the creation of press releases and other print media.
- Create script(s) for cemetery tours; act as tour guide when needed.
- Provide staffing at events as needed.
- Fulfill genealogical inquiries in person, via phone or email and through Find-A-Grave.com.
- Assist with research and documentation for application to National Register of Historic Places.
- Produce and conduct oral history interviews.

There is flexibility in scheduling work hours. Responsibilities may include:

- Work in museum publicity by working special events, updating social media pages and website, and brainstorming new promotional opportunities.
- Conduct research and prepare draft historical documentation for a historic property.
- Help preserve the history of your university and of the town in which it is situated.
- Create websites such as Tigers through the Hoop (created by a History Intern department).
- Learn about Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- Learn how MoDOT evaluates bridges for the National Register of Historic Places.
- Learn how mitigation photographs are taken and processed.
- Research and prepare draft historical documentation for a historic bridge, including orientation to historical record collections such as those housed at the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Missouri State Library, and the State Historical Society of Missouri.

National History Day in Missouri
It’s not just a day, it’s an experience!

National History Day in Missouri consists of students in grades six through twelve explore the past in a creative, hands-on way. They become experts on a historical subject of their choosing while conducting extensive research to produce a documentary, exhibit, paper, performance, or website. Working out of the State Historical Society of Missouri in Ellis Library, the NHD-MO intern will:

- Coordinate outreach to students, teachers, judges, and other constituents.
- Collaborate on marketing initiatives and events.
- Create content for social media.

Riverview also offers opportunities for internship projects involving:

- Translating German and Hebrew inscriptions.
- Studying Victorian iconography.
- Restoration of illegible or broken 19th century headstones.
- Connecting with the Civil War in central MO (we are one of the few cemeteries in the US that has both Union and Confederate soldiers).
- Your own creative ideas that help keep cemeteries relevant in a society that is losing touch with its past!

Missouri State Museum
Get involved in Missouri history
http://mostateparks.com/park/
misouri-state-museum

Housed in the historic Missouri State Capitol, the Missouri State Museum holds over 80,000 artifacts related to Missouri history and interprets that history in 20,000 square feet of exhibit space that is visited by over 250,000 citizens annually. The Museum also administers the Jefferson Landing State Historic Site, which contains three historic buildings on the Jefferson City riverfront (the last surviving Missouri River landing complex). The Missouri Department of Natural Resources’ Division of State Parks manages the Museum and Historic Site.

Interns can gain experience in the exhibit planning process, conducting historical research topics for exhibits, using graphics software to design exhibit panels, coordination of traveling exhibits, and options for exhibit construction.

Collections internships will provide experience in cataloging and accessioning artifacts, proper handling and care of artifacts, and records management (including computerized collections management and digital imaging).

Interns interested in overall museum operations and administration can gain experience in exhibits, collections, personnel and fiscal matters, interpretation, and special events.

University of Missouri Archives
http://muarchives.missouri.edu

The Archives was established to collect and preserve the historical records of the University of Missouri. Archives interns will have an opportunity to:

- Help preserve the history of your university and of the town in which it is situated.
- Create websites such as Tigers through the Hoop (created by a History Intern department).
- View original resources, analyze data, and set up your own website, possibly on the topic of your choosing.
- Learn how to access records and answer questions on campus activities.

Check out the website and become an intern!