

Internships ~ History 4940



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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, 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 are yet another avenue of opportunity for history graduates. Some of our internships will provide you the chance to lead and instruct others, giving you a feel for this field.

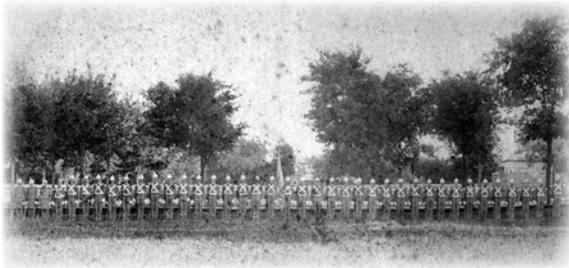
The private sector also needs history graduates who can bring an ability to see the big picture, brainstorm and problem solve, and analyze past performance and future trends.

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 just the thing!

The Museum of Missouri

Military History

<https://www.facebook.com/Museum-of-Missouri-Military-History>



early Missouri National Guard Unit

The Museum of Missouri Military History follows and records the history of Missouri's defense from the early militia to today's National Guard. The museum is located at the National Guard Headquarters just south of Jefferson City.

The museum shares with the public artifacts that have been donated by Missouri veterans and their families, and includes a complete Vietnam War Chaplain's kit, Air National Guard memorabilia, military manuals, a World War I Marine Corps "Devil Dog" uniform, personal books, and effects. Also included are displays and artifacts highlighting the activities of the Guard in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Guantanamo Bay, and Kosovo.

This site provides students the opportunity to be involved in a variety of internship projects both during the academic year and the summer.

The current focus of our internship is to help share with the public how the Missouri National Guard has served both the residents of the state of Missouri and the larger U.S. population — from the late 1800's to the present day.



some of the modern military items on site at the museum

The Missouri State Archives

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

The Missouri State Archives is the repository for state records of historical value. Its mission is to foster an appreciation of Missouri history and illuminate contemporary public issues by preserving and making available the state's permanent records to its citizens and their government.



Highlights among manuscripts and original documents in the Archives include French and Spanish land grants, testimony concerning the New Madrid earthquake of 1811-1812, documents concerning Frank and Jesse James, maps of Missouri's first surveyed roads, and materials pertaining to Harry S. Truman.

Currently, the Archives holds more than 336 million pages of paper; 400,000 photographs; 9,000 maps; 61,000 reels of microfilm, 560 cubic feet of published state documents and 1,000 audio/video items.

Featured collections include:

Civil War Resources
Lewis and Clark Expedition materials
Provost Marshal/US Colored Troops PDF images
The Missouri Mormon War documents

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; probate, cemetery, and war records.
- Set up exhibits and design brochures.
- Enter collections in databases.
- Serve a larger audience—create web sites specific to particular collections.
- Work with the Local Records Preservation Program in county courthouses.
- Learn to preserve microfilm.
- Answer questions in the reference room.
- During elections, be part of the electoral process by assisting the office of the Secretary of State.



Missouri State Museum

Get involved in Missouri history

<http://mostateparks.com/park/missouri-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 houses an impressive collection of exhibits portraying the state's natural and cultural history.

The Museum also administers 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 will 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.

In 1919, the Missouri General Assembly designated the first floor of the east wing of the Capitol as the Missouri Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and placed it under the care of the Adjutant General's office. Two year's later, in 1921, the Missouri Resources Museum was created on the first floor of the Capitol's west wing under the Resources Museum Commission, which was charged with the responsibility to collect and place on permanent exhibit examples of the products, flora and fauna of Missouri. The two museums were combined in 1923, and designated collectively as the Missouri State Museum under the management of the Resources Museum Commission.

National History Day in Missouri

It's not just a day, it's an experience!

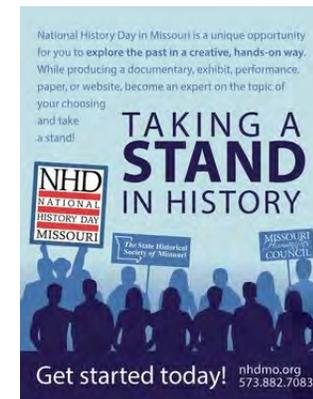
nhdmo.org



The State Historical Society of Missouri, in partnership with the Missouri Humanities Council, administers National History Day in Missouri. Each year, nearly half a million students nationwide—grades 6 to 12—participate in this innovative educational program. In Missouri, over 3,000 students participate in local and regional competitions each year, with nearly 600 advancing to the state contest at the University of Missouri in April.

Top winners in each category earn the opportunity to serve as Missouri delegates to the Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest in College Park, Maryland in June. Missouri's students represent the Show-Me State well, frequently bringing home medals in both the junior and senior divisions, being part of Breakfast on the Hill, and showcasing their work at the National Museum of American History. National History Day in Missouri lets 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 NHDMO intern will:

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



The University of Missouri Archives

<http://muarchives.missouri.edu/mission.html>



The University of Missouri Board of Curators mandates that each campus of the system have an archivist. The campus archivist of the University of Missouri also serves as the archivist for the administrative records of the University of Missouri System. The University Archives is authorized to collect, preserve, and make accessible to the public historical records

created or received in connection with the transaction of university and university system business. The University Archives is also authorized to solicit personal papers, manuscripts, and organizational records that enrich the historical understanding of the University and the University System.

Interns at the Archives can become involved in a number of ways that could include:

- Helping preserve the history of the university and of Columbia, the town in which it is situated.
- Creating websites such as Tigers through the Hoop (created by a History Department intern).
- Viewing original resources, analyzing data, and setting up a website, of your choosing.
- Learning how to access records and answer questions on campus activities.

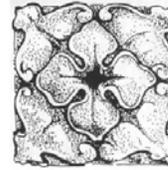


The City of Columbia

Historical Preservation Commission

<https://www.como.gov/Council/Commissions/description.php?bcid=28>

<https://www.facebook.com/ColumbiaHPC/>



Established in July of 1998, this City Commission is tasked with identifying and recognizing historic structures and historic districts, advising the Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council, and working with the State Office of Historic Preservation.

In collaboration with neighborhood and business organizations, the Commission is committed to researching and exhibiting the City's history.

Interns will have the opportunity to:

- Research topics related to the City's social, cultural and political history
- Create digital and physical exhibits exploring the City's history
- Assist in cataloging and preparing artifacts for storage or auction
- Participate in the Commission's administrative and government work
- Collaborate with neighborhood and business organizations on special events and projects
- Promote and market the work of the Commission
- Learn about the politics of historic preservation in a growing community.



History at the University of Missouri

The history major is excellent preparation for many careers in a variety of fields. Students skilled in research, analysis and writing are attractive to business firms and business schools.

What are some careers available to history majors?

There are no limits to what you can do with a degree in history. Below are only a few of the options.

- Educator (elementary, secondary, postsecondary, historical sites, museums)
- Writer, editor, journalist, documentary editor/consultant
- Attorney, legislator, information manager
- Corporate historian, cultural resource management, think tank researcher
- Information management, movie consultant, archivist, librarian

A History internship can help you get where you want to go!



Additional Resources

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 http://www.publichistory.org/what_is/definition.html
What does a public historian do? Want to know more? Check out these public history sites to find out.

National Council on Public History <http://ncph.org>



history.missouri.edu

