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Civil War Era Center

UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER JOBS

Gettysburg National Military Park Archives and Antietam National Battlefield

Application deadline: March 4, 2016

Do your parents and friends ask you what you plan to do with your degree in history? Do you wonder about the opportunities open to you with a history degree? Qualified Penn State undergraduate students are encouraged to apply for these two paid positions at historic sites during the summer of 2016. These non-credit internships provide aspiring historians with a wide variety of practical experiences in the field of public history. Both internships come with a \$3,500 stipend and housing. And, of course, they may help you make informed decisions about your future!

--**The Gettysburg National Military Park Archival Intern** will work with the research library's professional staff to enhance their document collections relating to the Battle of Gettysburg, the experiences of local civilians caught in the paths of the Union and Confederate Armies, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's response to the Confederate advance into the State. The intern will spend significant time off-site working in the National Archives, the State Archives, and other regional research repositories to identify, duplicate, and retrieve documents relevant to the Gettysburg campaign that the Park does not yet possess; the intern will then work in the park library itself to help to integrate the new items into its research collections. Last year's intern found military correspondence concerning the activities of the U.S. Sanitary Commission and the U.S. Christian Commission from July 1863 in the National Archives that shed new light on the way in which the town of Gettysburg dealt with the mass-casualty crisis they faced after the Union and Confederate armies moved back to Virginia. Archival experience or significant research experience with primary documents is a must! During the battle anniversary period—roughly June 28 through July 8—the intern will become part of the Gettysburg National Battlefield Park's commemoration team's public programming. Housing during the Gettysburg internship may be in a historic home on the battlefield. This internship begins with a multi-day orientation session in late May, with duties beginning about June 1 and continuing until July 31.

--**The Antietam National Battlefield intern** will shadow the Chief of Museum and Library Services for a comprehensive exposure to the many-faceted duties of a public history professional in the National Park Service. For those contemplating such a career, this internship will provide a solid introduction to a wide range of diverse and essential technical and methodological skills required to succeed in this field. The Antietam intern's duties will include curatorial work with the park's collection of relics, working with historic photographs and original 1862 historical documents of all sorts, mastering collections management procedures, and doing primary-source research to support the work of scholars as well as the park's interpretive staff. A key element of this position will permit the intern to learn about the "big picture" policy and planning issues that shape park administration, the interaction of various park departments, budgetary challenges, and more. Last year's intern gained significant research experience at the National Archives, identifying documents to be used in the planning of a major

rehabilitation of Burnside's Bridge, one of the battlefield's most iconic landmarks. For genuine insights into the career options for a National Park Service public history professional, this opportunity simply cannot be matched. Housing will be provided in a modern building on the grounds of the historic Pry House, the headquarters of General George B. McClellan, commander of the Union Army of the Potomac. This internship begins approximately June 1 and continues until July 31.

Application process: All applicants must be declared history majors with a 3.0 grade point average at University Park and may not have graduated before the start of the internship. Each applicant must submit a one-page statement of interest that explains which internship interests him or her--and why--as well as the way in which it might further one's education as a historian. Applicants must also provide a letter of recommendation from a faculty member (email is sufficient) and an informal transcript. **These items must be received by March 4, 2016.** Submit all information--and direct all questions--to Professor Carol Reardon, George Winfree Professor of American History, at car9@psu.edu.

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