



Curatorial Internship

Established in 1857, the Moravian Historical Society is a nonprofit museum and historic site that preserves, interprets, and celebrates the rich cultural legacy of the Moravians through educational programs, guided tours, engaging museum exhibits, and public events. The collection consists of two Moravian structures—the 1740-1743 Whitefield House and the 1740 Gray Cottage, the oldest Moravian structure in North America, and more than 20,000 historical objects including: furniture, decorative arts, paintings, textiles, firearms, musical instruments, scientific instruments, metals, miscellaneous furnishings, works on paper and framed works, and other objects important to the story of early Moravians in America. Also under the care of MHS are photographs, postcards, photo albums, and memory books, a large historical library, archives of personal, missionary, and family papers, and genealogies related to early and mid 18th century American history.

An internship with the Moravian Historical Society will provide hands-on experience with museum collections management. Semester-long internships include a journal, a project, and a presentation of the outcomes to the historical society staff and interested stakeholders. ***All internships can count for college credit, and are unpaid.***

Curatorial Intern: Curatorial interns will work directly with our Curator of Collections to help catalogue and inventory our collection. Projects might also include researching upcoming exhibitions and or writing exhibit panels and labels. Interns will be trained to use the PastPerfect collection management software. Interns should have an interest in public history and prior research experience.

Key Accountabilities

1. Assist the Curator of Collections with collections management and collections care following professional standards and practices.
2. Update collections records in the PastPerfect database.
3. Assist with exhibition planning, including research, preparing checklists and images of objects for exhibitions, and publications.
4. Assist with and participate in object security and maintenance for exhibitions and in storage.

Requirements

- Demonstrated appreciation for history and historical preservation
- Research experience
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Attention to detail

Special Consideration

The Whitefield House Museum is located in an historic 3 ½ story building without air conditioning or an elevator. Various museum-related tasks including lifting moderate weights.

To apply: Interested candidates should send a cover letter explaining their interest in the position as well as an updated resume to info@moravianhistory.org