

MAMA News

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2021 National Visitation Survey

AASLH is now accepting responses for our third annual “National Visitation Survey for History Organizations,” the only national effort to monitor and report on in-person visitation trends at history museums, historic sites, and other history organizations. Click here to submit a response from your institution.

This year’s survey is especially important, as it will allow us to assess the impact extended closures from COVID-19, climate change, social unrest, and more had on our institutions last year. In addition to asking about changes to in-person visitation from 2019 to 2020, we’ve added a special section to this year’s survey asking about the impact of the pandemic on closures, capacity restrictions, and staffing at organizations of all types and sizes.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Visitation2021>

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Conferences

American Alliance of Museums

May 21, June 7-9

The AAM Annual Meeting & MuseumExpo is the only event of its scope and scale. It brings together museums of all types and sizes—from art and history museums to zoos and botanic gardens—to share ideas and make connections that are transformative. It’s a place where all museum professionals learn from one another, create partnerships, and leave inspired to make an impact on their museums, communities, and the world.

The 2021 AAM Annual Meeting & MuseumExpo (#AAM2021) is taking place virtually May 24 and June 7-9.

<https://annualmeeting.aam-us.org/register/>

Fellowships

William E. Foley Research Fellowship

Deadline: March 31

The Missouri State Archives and the Friends of the Missouri State Archives are pleased to announce the 2021 William E. Foley Research Fellowship. Offered to support the use of the state's public records in scholarly research, the fellowship comes with \$1,500 award intended to defray expenses incurred when visiting the Missouri State Archives and/or its St. Louis branch. Any research project utilizing the holdings of the Missouri State Archives to further knowledge of state or national history is eligible for funding.

Selection of the 2021 fellow will be based on the soundness of the proposal, its relation to the holdings of the Missouri State Archives as demonstrated by specific collection citations, the potential of the research to impact the academic community and the qualifications of the applicant. Proposals making use of materials only available onsite at the Missouri State Archives or its St. Louis branch have preference over those using records available online.

<https://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/education/WEF>

Jobs! In Missouri!

Archivist (Outreach) - Missouri State Archives

This is a professional position primarily comprising a variety of outreach initiatives designed to coordinate programs based on Missouri State Archives holdings, which inform and assist the public on the use of primary sources.

When not developing outreach activities, this position ensures preservation of and access to state-created records of permanent historical value regardless of format by performing a variety of standard archival duties, including, but not limited to accessioning, arranging,

describing and creating finding aids for state-created records.

The Outreach Archivist reports to the Reference Services Manager and works closely with the State Archivist and the Archives' Principal Assistant for Boards and Commissions.

<https://sosmo.applicantpro.com/jobs/1660373.html>

Archivist (Reference) - Missouri State Archives

This is a professional position that ensures the preservation of and access to state-created records of permanent historical value regardless of format.

Under the general supervision of the Reference Services Manager, the Reference Archivist performs necessary work to assure the accessibility and dissemination of historically accurate information to researchers.

This position contributes to the State Archives by performing a variety of standard archival duties, including, but not limited to providing reference, accessioning, arranging, describing and creating finding aids for state-created records. The archivist may be asked to work with both physical and electronic records and to work with content management software.

<https://sosmo.applicantpro.com/jobs/1660353.html>

Resources

Audiences and Inclusion: A Primer for Cultivating More Inclusive Attitudes Among the Public

In a deeply divided nation, museums can play an essential role in creating safe and welcoming spaces for the most marginalized and at-risk communities. A component of this work is in guiding current museum-goers towards more inclusive attitudes and behaviors that benefit society as a whole. Published by Wilkening Consulting and the American Alliance of Museums, *Audiences and Inclusion: A Primer for Cultivating More Inclusive Attitudes Among the Public* uses new research to examine how museums can effectively employ one of our superpowers—the ability to spark curiosity—to cultivate more inclusive attitudes. Its 10-step primer offers a roadmap for museums to use radical curiosity and courageous empathy to crack open museum-goers'

worldviews and effect critical societal change while maintaining and broadening our audiences.

<https://www.aam-us.org/2021/02/09/audiences-and-inclusion-primer/>

Student Projects

National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Treloar Mercantile Building

Missouri Humanities is seeking an interested student to complete the Missouri Department of Natural Resources National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form for the Treloar Mercantile, a privately owned historic building along the Katy Trail just a few miles West from Marthasville. If given approval from the State Historic Preservation Office, student would be given the opportunity to defend the nomination (along with property owner, Dan Burkhardt, and a Missouri Humanities staff member) in front of the nomination committee in Jefferson City at a later date. A large amount of the research on the property's history has already been completed, and the property has already been approved as eligible by SHPO. The student would mainly need to compile it into the necessary formats and assemble pictures from Dan and MH to complete the forms. Some additional research may be needed. This project could also be worked on as a pair or small group if requested, or as part of a class project.

Missouri Humanities is offering a \$500 total stipend for this project, paid upon completion of the nomination.

Interested students should contact Caitlin Yager at caitlin@mohumanities.org

by March 31, 2021. Anticipated submission of nomination is Summer 2021.

Remedying Archival Silences at Northwest Missouri State University

In light of rights protests across the country in 2020 and to remedy our own collection silences, the archives at Northwest Missouri State University began a project focused on gathering BIPOC student, alumni, staff, and faculty personal papers and oral histories. With funding from the office of career services, student Koffi Lewis, a history major and public history & museum studies minor, worked with archivist Jessica Vest and associate professor of history Elyssa Ford to design an oral history project, collect names, conduct interviews, and transcribe

materials. Lewis presented his work at the PBL-Palooza event on campus and is continuing his work on this important project.

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