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Harrisonburg, VA

Midlothian/Richmond, VA

Select Museum Experience

Curatorial Intern (paid)

Art Bridges Foundation | June 2024 - August 2024

- Conducted research and completed written documents on permanent collection objects, wrote label copy, bibliography, artist biography, and object essay on new acquisition, and assisted with development of internal Art Bridges exhibitions.

Visitor Services Intern (paid)

The Valentine Museum | May 2023 - August 2023

- Created printed/hands-on educational materials for museum's historical house, presented materials to associates/staff, participated in staff departmental meetings, and assisted with exhibition development.

Gallery Assistant (paid)

OASIS Fine Art & Craft | September 2022 - June 2023

- Organized and supervised monthly art lesson plans, taught lessons bi-weekly to 30 elementary school students, and created graphic design resources.

Making Connections Intern (paid)

Taubman Museum of Art | May 2022- June 2022

- Researched and created audio educational materials for artworks, provided organizational support for Roanoke Sidewalk Art Show, and collaborated with interns and staff in workshops and research.

Gallery Intern

Duke Hall Gallery of Fine Art and artWorks | August 2021 - May 2022

- Supported director, curators, and artists in installation, delivered clerical support by greeting visitors and answering questions, researched and contributed to gallery resources.

Select Theatrical Experience

Production Dramaturg

JMU Theaters, KCACTF Region II, Eunoia Theatre | June 2023 - present

- Researched plot, characters, and historical contexts of plays and musicals, created resources for cast, crew, and artistic team, facilitated dramaturgical activities with teams of students and professionals, created and installed lobby displays, and wrote program notes for a total of approx. 2,500 audience members for each show run.

Co-Publicity Head

JMU Studio Theatre, Small Mouth Sounds | February 2023 - May 2023

Assistant Stage Manager

JMU Theaters, arts to ALL | March 2022 - November 2022

Additional Professional Experience

Global Ambassador: Semester in London (paid)

JMU Center for Global Engagement | August 2024 - present

- Administer internal planning, tabling, hiring, and speaking engagements to promote JMU's Study Abroad programs, specifically the Semester in London program, assisted in hosting study abroad pre-departure orientations and Study Abroad Fair, presented at bi-weekly meetings with supervisors, and facilitated one-on-one question and answer sessions with prospective students.

London Program Assistant (paid)

JMU Semester in London | September 2023 - December 2023

- Organized and managed weekly meetings with cohort of 15 peers, formulated and oversaw outings, and presented at weekly meetings with co-assistant and supervisors.

Education

James Madison University

Bachelor of Arts: Art History and Museum Studies, minors in Theatre and British Communication and Media | 2025

JMU Semester in London | Fall 2023

GPA: 3.94

Awards, Honors, and Involvements

- Phi Beta Kappa, 2024-current
- Madison Art History Student Association, President, 2022-current
- Alpha Psi Omega, 2023-current
- Virginia Association of Museums Conference Poster Presentation 2025 Finalist
- Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival: Region II LMDA Early Career Dramaturg 2024 Award Recipient
- Office of Student Awards, Initiatives and Research: 2023-2024 Undergraduate Travel Grant Award Recipient
- THEA 365 (Dramaturgy) Guest Speaker 2025
- Live Arts, WATERWORKS Festival: New Works Reader
- A Moment of Magic, character
- JMU Art History Undergraduate Research Forum: 2022 and 2023 Selected Presenter

Skills & Expertise

- Art history, visual analysis, criticism, and interdisciplinary studies
- Theatre, performance, dramaturgy, and artistry
- Reading, editing, written and oral feedback
- Education/work with children
- Microsoft 365, Google Workspace, TMS
- Research skills
- Graphic design (Canva, Adobe Suite, etc.)
- Social media (Instagram, TikTok, Facebook etc.)
- Team collaboration
- Problem-solving
- Critical thinking
- Scheduling, time management