

Stephanie Townrow

MUSEUM PROFESSIONAL | PUBLIC HISTORIAN | SCHOLAR

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LancasterHistory

Director of Education and Public Programs

January 2019–August 2020

- Manage, evaluate, and create educational programs across the organization including classes, workshops, scholarships, and field trips
- Oversee and direct all public programs, including the monthly Regional History Colloquium, the quarterly Material Culture Forum, History Happy Hour, and off-campus lectures
- Serve on Leadership Team to create and implement Strategic Plan across the organization, work with colleagues manage annual operating budget and long-term growth strategies
- Act as direct supervisor of Education Department staff and interns
- Created and manage NEH Summer Internship Program, an intensive structured internship program for college students that includes weekly seminars, projects, and field studies
- Act as community liaison, fostering community engagement through outreach and programs
- Enhance and organize K–12 enrichment for students and educators, including quarterly Teacher Seminars, Education Task Force, and National History Day
- Offer interpretive history tours of decorative arts collection and President James Buchanan's Wheatland for all audiences, and publish "[History from the House](#)" blog
- Work as part of the Marketing Team to serve as Community Manager
- Work as part of Exhibit Team to curate major exhibitions, including "Lancaster in the 60s"
- Serve on Planning Committee for Thaddeus Stevens & Lydia Hamilton Smith Historic Site and assist with major capital campaign

Museum Educator

2016–2018

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

Digital Humanities Producer

2015–2016

- Collaborate with a small team to consider creative and effective ways to translate primary source materials into interactive digital exhibits using open-source digital humanities platforms
- Design and create digital humanities projects for K–12 educators and their students, including interactive timelines, maps, podcasts, digital exhibits, and StoryMaps
- Design and produce digital educational materials to accompany hit Broadway musical "Hamilton" for student audiences as part of Hamilton Education Program (#EduHam)
- Liaison to valuable institutional partners including Google Cultural Institute
- Regular content contributor to Gilder Lehrman staff blog

Exhibitions and Programs Coordinator

2013–2015

- Launched and managed the Public Library Affiliate Program
- Managed Traveling Exhibitions Program and coordinated program logistics
- Provided administrative support to nationally-reaching grant programs, including major programs funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, "Created Equal," "Civil War 150," and "World War I and America"
- Acted as direct supervisor of college interns

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Brooklyn Navy Yard Center

History Educator 2013

- Addressed large groups of K–12 students on Brooklyn history
- Conducted history workshops and walking tours
- Managed scheduling of school tours

New York University, Jacob Leisler Papers

Editorial and Research Assistant 2013

- Collected, evaluated, transcribed, and annotated 17th-century text
- Prepared a high volume of documents for publication in digital and print formats
- Developed all marketing content
- Conducted scholarly and promotional presentations at conferences

PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Delaware Humanities | Project Scholar, Democracy & the Informed Citizen, 2021

Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums | Bruce Craig Fellow, 2020

National September 11 Memorial and Museum | Education Department, 2013

Brooklyn Historical Society | Education Department, 2012

Historic Deerfield Summer Fellowship | 2012

Museum of the City of New York | Development Department, 2010

EDUCATION

University of Delaware | Ph.D. Student & Unidel Distinguished Scholar,

History of American Civilization Program, Current

New York University | M.A., Archives and Public History, 2015

Yale University | Gilder Lehrman Fellow, 2013–14

Hunter College (CUNY) | B.A., History, Magna Cum Laude, 2012

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

City of Lancaster Historical Commission | 2018–2021

[LEADS](#) Board | 2019–2020

Leadership Lancaster Executive Training | Core Class of 2019

FILM & TV CONSULTING

[Buchanan's America: A Nation Divided](#) | Red Rose Film Award, 2019

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