Practicum: Historian

Recreation and Wellness practicum positions are one semester unpaid positions open to current BGSU students. The position can be, but does not need to be, used to fulfill academic credit (practicum, internship, co-op, etc.).

Purpose: Assist with researching, developing, drafting, and editing of a history of recreation at BGSU

Primary Responsibilities

- Locate and evaluate a variety of primary and secondary historical sources critically
- Research and describe images and event details from existing department and archive materials
- Communicate ideas cogently and concisely both orally and in writing
- Outline historical information with detailed citations
- Apply skills to identify potential partners and individual contacts for oral interviews/information
- Identify the decision-making process of a wide range of historical actors
- Produce written work that identifies, analyzes and explains political, social, economic, and cultural issues in a historical context
- Identify similarities and differences among trends, events, and periods
- Identify and explain connections between BGSU history and national trends
- Demonstrate ability to work well in a team
- Interact with diverse patronage of BGSU
- Promote the overall mission of the department and share in its passion for excellence

Additional Duties

- Record and transcribe personal oral histories
- Scan archival materials
- Learn digital file preservation techniques
- Research grant opportunities
- Share and receive constructive criticism
- Attend scheduled meetings
- Perform other duties as assigned by supervisor

Basic Qualifications

- Ability to self-motivate with little or no supervision
- Takes initiative, accountable, reliable, organized, creative
- Ability to follow written and verbal instructions
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Attention to detail
- Ability to brainstorm, cooperate, and contribute in a team environment
- Possess and display professional mannerisms and a friendly demeanor
- Business casual dress requirement