



Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project

Job Posting: Summer Internship

SHMR Project Overview

The SHMR Project began in 2016 as a joint initiative of the Jesuits USA Central and Southern Province and Saint Louis University. Today, the project is supported by the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States. Our office is located in St. Louis, Missouri.

The SHMR Project researches the lived experiences of enslaved people whom the Jesuits owned, in order to know, and to share, a more complete history of Jesuit involvement in the institution of slavery. We are committed to a transformative process of truth-telling, reconciliation, and healing that, in conversation with the descendants of those held in bondage, acknowledges historical harms, seeks to repair relationships, and works within our communities to address the legacies of slavery that persist in the form of racial inequity today.

For more information about the SHMR Project and its objectives, please visit <http://shmr.jesuits.org/>.

Position Description

The SHMR Project invites applications for the position of summer intern. Depending upon their previous experience, skills, and interests, the intern will have the opportunity to contribute to the SHMR Project in a variety of ways, including: historical research on the lived experiences of the enslaved people whom the Jesuits owned; genealogical research on descendants of those held in bondage by the Jesuits; and social media communications. Candidates who have language skills in Latin, French, Spanish, German, and Dutch or Flemish may assist with translating foreign language documents.

The SHMR Project summer intern will work 20 hours per week, for a total of 120 to 160 hours from May to August (start and end dates negotiable). The position pays \$13 per hour. This position reports to the SHMR Research Coordinator and SHMR Project Coordinator.

Eligibility

The SHMR Project welcomes applications from current undergraduate and graduate students, as well as from individuals who have relevant experience and interests, but are not enrolled in a college or university. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in fields such as history, public history, genealogy, digital humanities, library and information science, American Studies, and African American Studies, and to those with demonstrated interest in African American history and culture, the memory of slavery, and racial justice and reconciliation.

Application Instructions

Interested applicants should email a resumé or curriculum vitae, a cover letter briefly detailing their experience and interest in the project, and the names and contact information for three references to Ayan Ali at SHMR-Admin@jesuits.org. **Applications will be accepted until Sunday, March 15, 2020.**

While only one paid summer internship is available, the SHMR Project also welcomes inquiries from individuals who are willing and able to contribute to the project on a volunteer basis.

Duties and Responsibilities May Include:

- Abide by and inform a research and digitization agenda created by the Research Coordinator, which is consistent with the project's scope
- Abide by and inform standards for documenting research as established by the Research Coordinator
- Participate in Research Team meetings and clearly communicate work and findings
- Communicate regularly with the Research Coordinator and members of the Research Team by drafting, receiving, and sending email correspondence
- Create and maintain detailed records and files, both digital and hard copies, for the project
- Assist with translating foreign language documents
- Assist with developing a social media presence for the SHMR Project
- Other duties as assigned

Experience and Skills

Required

- Desire to contribute substantially to the mission of the SHMR Project
- Experience prioritizing multiple deadlines and schedules, both autonomously and with colleagues
- Exceptional interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills
- Ability and desire to learn new technologies
- Ability to work in team-oriented culture
- Detail-oriented, self-motivated, and resourceful
- Exercise discretion, initiative, organizational ability, and problem-solving skills
- Experience with Office 365 (Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Word)

Preferred

- Understand and appreciate African American history and culture
- Understand and appreciate Jesuit history and mission
- Familiarity with nineteenth-century American history and American Catholic history, particularly as it relates to slavery in the United States
- Experience performing genealogical research
- Reading knowledge of and/or ability to translate to English from Latin, French, Spanish, German, and Dutch or Flemish
- Familiarity with concepts and practices related to racial justice, restorative justice, reconciliation (particularly in a Catholic context), and dialogue processes