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CURRENT POSITION

Aug 2011-present Program Associate, Oral History, Chemical Heritage Foundation

As program associate, Hunter concentrates on bringing a public history focus to oral history. She manages online exhibit efforts, in addition to processing and conducting interviews. Her research centers on the ways in which historical narratives are created, modified, and communicated to various audiences.

EDUCATION

- May 2008 **Temple University**
M.A., American and Public History
Thesis: Coming to terms with the revolutionary past: Valley Forge National Historical Park and the lands north of the Schuylkill
- December 2006 **University of Pennsylvania**
B.A., History, *magna cum laude*
W.W. Smith Scholarship Award, 2005-2006

EXPERIENCE

- 2008-2011 **Chemical Heritage Foundation**
Program Assistant, Oral History
- Managed the Program's first online exhibit, *Rubber Matters*, from conception to launch
 - Researched, processed, and maintained oral histories
 - Research and prepared document surveying the states of both the oral history field and oral history of science, and CHF's place in that framework
 - Standardized oral history digital files and supervised intern work on the project
 - Instructed staff members, volunteers, and interns on oral history processing
 - Presented at regional and national oral history conferences
 - Wrote articles for Chemical Heritage magazine
 - Wrote pieces for CHF's blogs (The Center and Periodic Tabloid) and CHF's podcast, *Distillations*
- 2008-2010 **Peregrine Arts**
Samuel S. Fels Research Intern and Hidden City Project Coordinator

- Completed primary and secondary source research packets for each Hidden City site
- Completed primary and secondary source research for neighborhoods of each Hidden City site and of general Philadelphia history trends
- Wrote site narratives and interpretive literature for festival guidebook, catalog, and onsite display (<http://www.hiddencityphila.org/>)

2007-2008

Valley Forge National Historical Park

Archives Intern

- Completed primary source research on cultural and natural history of north side of Park
- Created an interpretive tour for the north side of Park
- Transcribed and scanned eighteenth-century manuscript documents
- Cataloged rare book collection

2007-2007

Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site

Curatorial Assistant Intern

- Completed Random Sample, Accessions, and Controlled Property Inventories
- Completed accession records for new, unrecorded accessions and entered information in the NPS database
- Reorganized site library
- Performed historic housekeeping and took light, humidity, and pest readings of historic structures

2006-2006

University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

Museum Inventory Assistant

- Assisted with collections inventory in the Oceania section
- Classified and researched artifacts
- Collected data and entered it into museum database (ARGUS)

2004-2006

Urban Nutrition Initiative

Program Assistant, Food Education Squad; Teaching Assistant, Food & Culture and American History classes (University City High School, Philadelphia, PA)

- Developed and implemented lesson plans
- Supervised and trained student staff and coordinated all outreach events
- Created and maintained Excel database of lesson plans, materials, and contacts for circulation
- Prepared and taught weekly lessons, including cooking lessons

PUBLICATIONS

“Education as the Organizing Principle behind the Oral History Program at the Chemical Heritage Foundation,” co-written with Hilary Domush

(Submitted), *The Oral History Forum d'histoire orale* special issue, "Making Educational Oral Histories in the 21st Century."

PRESENTATIONS

- 2011 "Oral History, repackaged: the online exhibits of the Oral History Program at CHF." Presented at the Public History of Science and Technology conference in Columbia, South Carolina: September.
- 2011 "Where to go when you don't know where to go': the pioneers of Scientific and Technical Information Systems." Presented at the Oral History in the Mid-Atlantic Region annual meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: April.
- 2010 "A Call to Arms: Making Scientists into Home-front Warriors and its Legacy in Scientific Communities." Presented at the Oral History Association annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia: October.
- 2010 "Emergence of an industry: rubber and polymers in World War II." Presented at the Oral History in the Mid-Atlantic Region annual meeting in Washington, District of Columbia: April.