

Laurel Wilson

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Education and Honors

- MHP, Public History, Georgia State University, Current
 - GPA 4.05
- BA, English Lit./Creative Writing, Agnes Scott College, 2007
 - GPA 3.9, Magna Cum Laude
- City of Decatur 2016 Hometown Hero
- Phi Beta Kappa

Objective

To contribute my research and development skills and public history methodology toward heritage education and preservation to meaningfully assist local communities and institutions.

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

- Exhibit Planning & Production
- Public History Education Planning and Practice
- Digital History
- Admin. & Use of Historic Archives

SKILLS

- Interpretive Planning and Design
- Historical Research
- Community Outreach
- Social Media Marketing
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite
- Proficiency in QuickBooks
- Comfort with various digital platforms

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Organization of American Historians
- National Council on Public History
- Society of Georgia Archivists

Work Experience

Graduate Research Assistant | Georgia State University | 2015—Current

- Maintaining Heritage Preservation program website and social media
- Assistance for program director in his capacity as Treasurer of National Council for Preservation Education
- General office work and PowerPoint presentation arrangements

Intern | Decatur Cemetery | 2014—Current

- Ongoing research on African Americans buried in Section 6
- Design of exhibit panel for Section 6 in Decatur Cemetery
- Conducted a tour for middle school children
- Coordinated volunteer day with Decatur High School Key Club

Copy Editing and Transcription | Freelance | 2007-2014

- Reviewed running text and elements for grammatical accuracy, typographical errors, and consistency
- Clients included:
 - Emory University Work-Life Initiative
 - Emory Encyclopedia of Contemplative Practices
 - Cambridge Communications (CDC conferences and grant reviews)
 - Published novelist

Projects

ONLINE EXHIBITION

Created an interpretive website as both an online memorial and digital exhibit for those buried in the historic African American part of Decatur Cemetery

MUSEUM EXHIBITION

Member of Education Team, exhibition for Stone Mountain Historical Society Wells-Brown House,:

- Co-wrote working interpretive plan
- Determined learning style and communication methods
- Wrote label copy for three sections

INTERPRETIVE PLAN

Performed research for and co-authored an interpretive plan for the historic Central of Georgia railroad station in Madison, Georgia.