

## **ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS--EXCITING INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!!!**

THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY IS SPONSORING THE FOLLOWING INTERNSHIPS—

Fall (credit-bearing) minimum 3/hrs week on site. Scheduling is flexible.

### **NORTH STAR UNDERGROUND RAILROAD MUSEUM—**

1131 Mace Chasm Rd, Ausable Chasm, NY 12911

Site Supervisor—Museum President, Jackie Madison

This internship encompasses several possible projects and will provide students an opportunity to learn about the Underground Railroad that provided enslaved people a path to freedom and the important role the North Country played in a critical historic period.

Potential Projects:

**Media and Community Outreach**—This internship will focus on enhancing media access to and about the Museum. Interns will research the broad range of new and constantly changing forms of media/social media to best reach a broad demographic, especially to the younger adults [Millennials, GEN Ys, GEN Z's] and K-12 youth. Interns will design social media content and implement that content to expand access to the Museum and the importance of the history it represents to local, regional, national and international audiences.

**Collaborative Video Project**- Interns would be able to do an update and remake of the 2006 video currently show in the museum depicting stories of slaves making their way north to Canada via the underground railroad. Video production students will engage their skills, using current video technology and film techniques to provide the technical component, social science/history-oriented students will develop scene and script content ensuring historical and cultural accuracy of the re-enactments, students interested in linguistic anthropology will focus on researching speech patterns, accents and dialects of those populations moving along the Underground Railroad. Local theater students may be engaged in serving as actors in the re-enactment components of the video.

[This may be a multi-semester project.]

### **Traveling Trunk Shows**—FOR K-12 and COLLEGE-LEVEL

Knowledge of the Underground Railroad in the North Country is often overlooked in the K-12 student experience and often minimally addressed in college classrooms. Therefore, this internship will focus on expanding outreach to students, of all ages, via the design and implementation of innovative and interactive traveling trunk shows. The intent of these trunk shows will be to inform, engage and excite students about their local, regional and national history.

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### **Minimum requirements:**

- Minimum sophomore standing or POI
- An interest in social sciences (e.g. anthropology, sociology, political science, etc.), historical research, tourism, education, community outreach, video production and design.
- Maturity, strong work ethic, initiative and the ability to collaborate with diverse groups of people
- Enthusiasm and a willingness to learn about museums, historical realities, human dynamics and culture!

This internship sponsored by the Department of Anthropology but is open to all students who meet the above criteria. The internship is focused on the human dimensions of the experience, in other words, it is ethnographically grounded. Interns are encouraged to enroll concurrently in the Internship Seminar (ANT451a) in which the anthropological/ social science aspects of the internships will be clarified through group discussion.

Exact content/expectations of the internships will be developed by student, faculty sponsor and internship site supervisor.

### **All interested students are encouraged to apply!**

This is a career-building opportunity for the right student(s) to learn valuable skills collaboration, education and training, research, project management, presentation and problem-solving.

### **Application deadline for fall credit-bearing internships: August 15, 2022.**

Students should indicate their interest and submit the following application materials to:

Dr. Deborah Altamirano, Department of Anthropology  
[deborah.altamirano@plattsburgh.edu]

### **Application materials:**

- A brief statement of your interests and how this internship relates to them
- A list of any relevant courses
- A copy of your DegreeWorks