ABOUT THE M.A. IN PUBLIC HISTORY
The innovative public history program at St. John’s University offers graduate students the opportunity to study history, museum studies, and archival management in preparation for a wide range of career possibilities related to cultural resources. Students complete interdisciplinary coursework in both History and Library and Information Science and become experts in the research, management, conservation, and interpretation of public documents.

The 33-credit program consists of 24 credits in history, museum studies, and archival management, a six-credit internship, and an additional three-credit capstone project.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN M.A. IN PUBLIC HISTORY?
The public history program prepares students to facilitate collaborative work among educational and cultural institutions in New York City and around the world. Local and state historical societies, state historical agencies, public and private libraries and archives, and federal agencies such as the National Park Service are all looking to employ professionals who have expertise in public history.

Potential career paths for public history graduates include:

- Archivists
- Museum Curators
- Conservators
- Genealogists
- Corporate Historians
- Cultural Resource Planners
- Government Historians
- Television and film documentarians
MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

I am delighted to introduce St. John’s M.A. in Public History. This innovative course of study meets the demand for historians trained to serve in the many nonacademic career paths arising in this age of electronic media. With campuses in Queens, Manhattan, and Staten Island, NY, as well as Paris, France, and Rome, Italy, the public history program at St. John’s offers students unmatched opportunities to gain proficiency in the collaboration between researchers and stewards of cultural heritage on a global basis.

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RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Students in the program build electronic portfolios to showcase their work to future prospective employers. They work closely with program faculty on research projects that lead to conference presentations, publications, and new media projects.

St. John’s offers students in the public history program plentiful opportunities for real-world experience. They can participate in the St. John’s Oral History Project, which supports the creation of an electronic archive of interviews with members of the University community. Recent internship placements for public history students have included the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Queens Museum, the Archives at Queens Library, Ellis Island, and the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site.

ASSISTANTSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FINANCIAL AID

The University awards a limited number of graduate assistantships to highly-qualified students each year. These positions provide tuition remission and/or a stipend. For more information about assistantships as well as other types of financial aid and scholarship awards, please see the graduate bulletin (stjohns.edu/bulletin).

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

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