



**ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY**

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts in Public History



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 course work 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.

We also offer a dual master's degree program with the Division of Library and Information Science, allowing you to complete your M.A. in Public History alongside an American Library Association (ALA)-accredited Master of Science in Library and Information Science.

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
- Conservators
- Corporate Historians
- Cultural Resource Planners
- Genealogists
- Government Historians
- Museum Curators
- Television and Film Documentarians

MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The M.A. in Public History at St. John's allows students to take advantage of the rich cultural resources of New York City while learning how to present history to diverse audiences. Students gain hands-on experience conducting oral histories, designing museum exhibits, and developing digital projects. The interdisciplinary nature of the program enables students to shape a course of study that fits their professional goals.

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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.

The Department of History also offers the Nickolas Davatzes Scholarship to qualified graduate students who are committed to teaching and engaging in research in American History or Classical and/or Modern Greek History, and who demonstrate financial need. The scholarship fund was established in 2007 by Nickolas Davatzes '62C, '64G, '95HON, who established the A&E Network and the History Channel, and Dorothea Hayes Davatzes '66Ed. Scholarships are granted by the department on a competitive basis and provide \$5,000 for summer research or tuition assistance.

For more information about assistantships, scholarship, and other types of financial aid, please see the graduate bulletin at stjohns.edu/bulletin.

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

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