



Job Announcement

Part – Time Research Associate American Philosophical Society (APS) Museum, Philadelphia

The American Philosophical Society (APS) Museum seeks a part-time curatorial and exhibitions research associate in the history of science or in early American history or related humanities fields. The APS Museum explores the intersections of history, art and science through thematic exhibitions and also commissions artistic and other projects that interpret the materials on view through a contemporary lens. This position provides a great opportunity to learn about all aspects of museum work. More at www.apsmuseum.org.

Duties:

- Perform research for a variety of purposes, especially exhibitions. Work includes primary source research in APS's collections of rare books, manuscripts, and historical objects as well as in other Philadelphia-area collections, along with theoretical/thematic work based on secondary literature. Current project: exhibition in three sequential parts (Thomas Jefferson as statesman, as scientist, and as student of Native America).
- Work collaboratively with other researchers and Director/Curator in providing the intellectual foundation that underlies each exhibition and in conceptualizing the presentation of its themes and objects.
- Synthesize research, produce clearly written drafts of accurate content for a wide variety of uses such as interpretive exhibition labels and panels, educational outreach, public programs, guide training, etc.
- Participate in object handling and in exhibition installation and de-installation.

Qualifications:

- **ABD or Ph.D. in history of science.**
- Excellent analytical and writing skills, preferably with experience in writing for different purposes and audiences (not limited to scholars).
- Broad interests, along with the intellectual and conceptual tools necessary for working across disciplines and time periods, and making creative connections.
- Flexibility; capacity to learn quickly and work both independently and collaboratively.
- Attention to detail in practical aspects of museum work such as handling and measuring museum objects, and in editing, fact-checking, and proofing texts.
- Strong organizational skills
- Familiarity with File Maker, Word Press, and institutional use of social media a plus.
- Museum experience and/or interest in pursuing a museum preferred.

Applications due August 1. Preferred starting date is early September; 3-4 days per week is preferable. **Please submit letter, resume or c.v., and names of three references to Hannah Sisk at hsisk@amphilsoc.org.** Research Associate reports to Director/Curator.