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Graduate Studies in Archives: Proficiency, Experience, Engagement

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Role of Archivists in Communities

- Acquire, manage, preserve, and provide access to historical records
- Assist communities with documenting their unique stories
- Serve as a link to the records that inform family historians and genealogists
- Utilize digital technologies & media to expand public access to on-line collections
- Digitize images and records to make them available for use by peers, researchers, and diverse communities worldwide
- Serve as the bridge between historic information and the users who can benefit from its public availability

Meeting UMass Boston’s Urban Mission

Internships

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Creating Professional Opportunities

Students and partners benefit from shared collaborations that foster professional development.

- Symposia
- Conferences
- Publications
- Networking

Accomplishments

- Over 200,000 document pages made available to the public at archives, on-line, and through blogs
- Processed and organized documentary collections for leading institutions and nonprofit organizations
- Created finding aids: indices that describe the materials in individual collections
- Preserved images, paper, and multi-media content for long-term storage, using state-of-the-art technological and digital processes.

Benefits extend to the public at large as efforts to foster Open Access & Crowd Sourcing initiatives make history accessible and relevant to all interested parties.

Promoting Professional Partnerships

Providing a model that can guide other programs in creating dynamic partnerships with communities and organizations locally and worldwide.

Feedback from the Field:

“The internship...demonstrated to me the skill, knowledge, and flexibility required for working in archives.”
- C. Moynihan, MA 2013, Archives Track

Students are “well-grounded in archival theory and practice.” The UMass Boston Archives benefits “so much” from students’ “high quality work.”
- Joanne Riley, University Archivist, UMass Boston

“A project like this is where archives are heading. To have digital cataloguing experience like this is amazing.”
- J. Silva, MA Candidate, Archives Track

“Everyone learns from one another... it was an honor to host our UMass Boston intern.”
- Lisa Long Feldman, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

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