

Emma Jo Priesendorf

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WORK EXPERIENCE

National WWI Museum & Memorial Aug 2016-Present Kansas City, MO

Individual Giving Specialist

- Create member events and benefits to promote membership acquisition and retention
- Act as staff liaison for the young professionals group, The Modernists, and supervisor for the 25-person Mod Council governing body
- Oversee planning, marketing, budgeting, and execution of *The Modern Gala*, annual fundraising gala for The Modernists — the 2017 event was a 300-person sellout
- Administer the 10,000-strong Walk of Honor commemorative brick program including implementation of a new system to locate bricks onsite
- Produce biannual Walk of Honor dedication ceremony attended by approximately 300
- Mentor and supervise Development department interns
- Direct, write, and implement three direct mail annual fund campaigns per year
- Work closely with major donors, board members, and staff to increase community support and engagement through partnerships with area organizations such as the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Powell Gardens, and the Kansas City Symphony

Museum at Prairiefire April 2015-August 2016 Overland Park, KS

Education Coordinator, Field Trips and Programs

- Monitored budget and all necessary preparations for bimonthly *Science Happy Hour* speaker events, including staffing and coordination with outside vendors
- Processed reservations, communicated with teachers, managed payments, and provided on-site support for field trip and group bookings
- Designed educational programs such as *Fossils at Your Fingertips*, a hands-on artifact program
- Led 4-day paleontology course and 2-day field camp to Wilson Lake, KS
- Trained volunteers and staff on concepts of interpretive education
- Researched, wrote, and implemented K-12 and adult educational tours of three American Museum of Natural History special exhibitions

Greenlease Library, Rockhurst University Fall 2015 Kansas City, MO

Archives Intern

- Processed and imposed an intellectual order on a collection of legacy files
- Utilized ArchiveSpace software to create a finding aid for the collection
- Curated a visual library display using archives materials

National WWI Museum & Memorial Spring 2015 Kansas City, MO

Education Intern

- Assisted with the creation of *Lessons of Liberty*, an experiential learning program for students
- Developed a 2-hour tour with adaptations for school and adult guests
- Participated in educational *Hands on History* artifact work with museum patrons

Campus Life & Leadership, MCC-Longview 2012-2013 Lee's Summit, MO

Student Activities Assistant

- Devised, planned, and attended student events on campus
- Led in-person campus tours for new and prospective students
- Assisted with coordination of new student orientation program, *The Big Event*

Hickman Mills Community Christian Church 2009-2012 Kansas City, MO

Office Manager

- Composed all print and digital material on a weekly basis
- Administered member database and prepared reports and mailings
- Managed church schedule and all correspondence with church members

EDUCATION

Rockhurst University

Summa cum laude, GPA 4.0

Bachelor of Arts in History

Secretary of Phi Alpha Theta,
National History Honor Society

VP of Marketing & Publicity,
Rockhurst Transformation Alliance

MCC-Longview

High honors, GPA 4.0

Associate of Arts

AWARDS

Senior Gold Medal

Awarded to the highest-ranking
senior in graduating class, Rockhurst
2015

Hugh Owens Prize

Historical Writing Award, Rockhurst
2015

**Outstanding Contribution to the
College**

MCC-Longview 2013

**Crystal M. Field Award for Student
Writing**

MCC-Longview 2013

RESEARCH

Presented research at Missouri
Conference on History — 2016

Accepted for presentation at the
Phi Alpha Theta 2016 Biennial
Convention — 2016

Published in *History Matters: An
Undergraduate Journal of Historical
Research* — Available online at
rockhurst.academia.edu/
EmmaPriesendorf — 2015

VOLUNTEER

**Vice President of Membership -
Executive Board**

Friends of Rockhurst University
Library — June 2017 to present

ONLINE

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