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EDUCATION

MA History - Public History

2024

Carleton University

Graduate Diploma in Curatorial Studies

2024

Carleton University

BA Hons. History with a minor in Drama Studies

2022

Carleton University

Diploma in Theatre Arts

2013

Algonquin College

CERTIFICATIONS

SmartServe

July 16, 2024 – July 15, 2029

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SmartServe Ontario

Standard First Aid and CPR Level "C" and AED

April 14, 2022 – April 14, 2025

Ottawa Paramedic Service
Public Education

Indigenous Sensitivity Training, Level A

2019

Ontario Federation of
Indigenous Friendship Centres

SKILLS

- Meta Business Suite
- EventBrite
- Canva
- Photoshop/Paint.net
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Ke EMu
- Zotero

NICHOLAS SURGES, MA, BA HONS.

I am a versatile museum professional with a background in performing arts and retail management and experience in exhibit design and digital content creation. In my spare time I co-produce a popular monthly literary salon. My professional approach is characterized by a strategic mindset and a steadfast commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion.

EXPERIENCE

Ingenium (Canada Science and Technology Museum)

Summer Contractor

May 2024 - September 2024

- Survey primary source material on hydrophones and the history interaction with whales
- Collaborate with non-profits, First Nations and Inuit communities, and advocacy groups
- Prepare reports for internal use with attention paid to guiding questions asked by museum

Collections Researcher

September 2023 - April 2024

- Review existing catalogue entries in KE Emu to identify knowledge gaps in our collection
- Research collections objects using trade literature, archival materials, and patent database
- Write accessible, public-facing channel blog for the museum's website
- Attend curatorial division meetings and present updates on the new discoveries

Summer Contractor

June 2023 – August 2023

- Write research packets on Canada's LGBT Purge to be used internally in preparation for the Aviation and Space Museum's Cold War exhibition

Carleton University

Teaching Assistant

September 2022 – April 2024

- Prepare educational materials such as PowerPoint presentations, polls, and quizzes
- Facilitate weekly discussion groups to discuss assigned readings
- Grade student assignments and provide constructive criticism
- Design and lead workshops on scholarly skills

Research Assistant

October 2017 – April 2024

- Monitor traditional and social media for content related to the research grant's focus (hate speech, mis/disinformation, and social media oversight)
- Gather data from public-facing sites such as Twitter and Facebook using open-source tools (e.g. TAGS, a Google sheet with a script for performing data scrapes)
- Develop strategies for teaching primary and secondary students media literacy skills

Naked Boys Reading Ottawa

Producer

July 2023 – present

- Schedule and plan themed monthly shows
- Liaise with both the venue and community partners (such as MAX Ottawa)
- Conduct reader intake and contact prospective readers for each show

LCBO

Product Specialist

June 2022 – August 2023

- Handle large amounts of cash and prep deposits for the evening
- Challenge, check, and refuse intoxicated patrons in accordance with provincial law

PUBLICATIONS

“Mystery Music”: Digital Strategies for Collections Research

Blog. *Ingenium Channel* April 29, 2024

By refusing to drop Libs of TikTok, Shopify is selling hate

Editorial. *Xtra Magazine* November 30, 2022

The Information Arms Race: Media and the Russo-Ukrainian war

Blog. *Populist Publics* April 22, 2022

‘Who watches the watchmen?’: Digital Moderation in the Age of Misinformation

Blog. *Populist Publics* February 16, 2022

- Interpret customer requests to match them with the best possible product
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Stag Shop

Sales Associate/Key Holder

December 2019 – August 2022

- Train new staff on policies, procedures, and corporate culture.
 - Achieved a 62% increase in sales
 - Responsible for preparing banking
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Toronto Public Library

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October 2018 – November 2019

- Listen to and assist patrons with their needs
 - Sort and shelve books according to cutter
 - Conduct daily reads to ensure shelves are in order
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Arterra Wines

Assistant Manager

March 2015 – October 2019

- Train staff on policies and procedures, product knowledge, and corporate culture
 - Manage inventory based on existing stock levels and sales projections
 - Motivate staff through one-on-one coaching
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Theatre Artist

2009-2020

- Identify sources of public funding through grants, developing applications through NOVA
 - Book rehearsal, performance, and filming venues
 - Excellent presentation and creative writing skills as well as the ability to work under pressure and adapt in a live environment
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VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Councillor (History), Carleton Student Government

2021-2022

- Voiced student concerns about asynchronous learning and perceived gaps in the department’s program (e.g. the importance of training history students in interviewing to prepare them for working with oral histories)
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First Year Connections Peer Mentor, Student Experience Office

2021

- Connect students with on- and off-campus resources, such as scholarships, academic accommodations, and health services.
 - Trained in active listening and suicide prevention.
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Vice President of Events, Carleton History Undergraduate Society

2021-2022

- Facilitate events such as movie nights, trivia nights, and a historical fiction writing contest
- Assisted in the moderation and governance of the society Discord server.
- Designed promotional materials using various tools, including Canva.