

Voices of Cayuga County Oral History Program Fall Internship

About *Voices of Cayuga County*:

Voices of Cayuga County is a local oral history collecting and archiving project coordinated by the Seymour Library and the Cayuga Museum of History and Art. The project's primary focus is to actively seek out the stories of communities that have traditionally been underrepresented in our collections. These include, but are not limited to, African American, Latina/o, LGBTQ+, and immigrant communities. Through this project, we are working to create a culture of story-sharing in Cayuga County and an accessible database of local oral histories that accurately represent our diversity and how that diversity has impacted Auburn and Cayuga County's history.

This project continues to improve accessibility to our organizations by emphasizing that we are, in fact, public institutions in service to all within our communities. By coordinating this project around increasing representation and focusing on individual stories as history, our hope is that the community will become more directly engaged with their personal connection to and their role in history.

Internship Summary:

Tasks will include contacting and setting up individual online interviews and one in-person group interview with members of the community; conducting and recording video interviews; transferring, editing, and converting interview video files; and transcribing interviews. The intern will receive training in oral history interviewing and will coordinate, plan, and complete at least five 30 - 40-minute individual interviews and one group interview. The intern will work primarily remotely with some onsite hours at the Cayuga Museum and other locations in Auburn.

Qualifications:

- B.A Preferred (with priority given to degrees in History, Public History, Museum Studies, or Library Sciences)
- Experience collecting oral histories is a plus
- Ideal candidate will have experience working with diverse communities
- Familiarity with online meeting platforms and video editing software preferred
- Excellent written and oral communication skills including phone use
- Excellent organizational skills, self-motivation, and time management are a must

Terms of Internship:

15 hours per week for 10 weeks from September to November (total of 150 hours). \$16 per hour.

Supervisors:

Dori Gottschalk-Fielding, Coordinator of the Seymour Library's History Discovery Center, Auburn, NY

Geoffrey Starks, Director of Development and Outreach at the Cayuga Museum of History and Art, Auburn, NY

To Apply:

Please send a cover letter and resume plus two references and a one-page writing sample to Dori Gottschalk-Fielding (dgfielding@seymourlib.org) by 5 PM Wednesday, August 24, 2022.

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