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On December 1, 2007, Public History students and alumni visited the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal. The day-trip was organized through joint efforts of the WSU chapters of Phi Alpha Theta and the Society of American Archivists. Students visited the “Real Pirates” exhibit that was featured at the Museum through January 8, 2008. They then toured the Cincinnati History Museum.

The objectives of museum trips such as this one are not only to enjoy and support local museums but also to look at different exhibits and museums with a critical eye. Participating in this with a peer group has been very beneficial for reinforcing the content of Public History courses.

In February of 2007, students visited the Indianapolis Children’s Museum. On this trip, they were able to get a behind-the-scenes look at the museum’s collections area, as well as a tour of the archives at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

The WSU chapters of Phi Alpha Theta and the Society of American Archivists work hard to plan events and field trips open to all students and alumni. If you would like to participate in these trips, or be involved on the planning committee, please contact Daniel Schlegel, President of the chapters of both PAT and SAA, at schlegel.7@wright.edu.
My morning starts off with my aggravating 45 to 90 minute drive from our home in Clinton, Utah, to the Utah State Archives in Salt Lake City. By the way, just because a state has mountains and gets pummeled by snow every year doesn’t mean that people can drive in it any better than Ohioans! But, at least there’s an amazing view!

I was hired as an archivist to administer the new Utah Public Notice Website. Due to launch April 1st, the website is the first public notice website in the nation for both state and local government agencies to post their public notices in one centralized location. These notices are then archived permanently. After the initial workload of the website dies down, I will additionally be cataloging and processing collections in all formats, including digital. This position puts me in between a records manager and an archivist.

I get to the Archives at around 7am. It’s a fairly brand new building with a really amazing ASRS (automated storage retrieval system). Just imagine never walking up and down the isle looking for that box you know is there but you just can’t find!

The reception was held on the fourth floor of the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library. Guests enjoyed refreshments and had the opportunity to hear such speakers as Dawne Dewey, Stephen Foster (University Librarian), Chuck Taylor (Dean of the College of Liberal Arts), and Edward Haas (Chair of the History Department). Also in attendance were Carl Becker and Charles Berry, two of the founders of the Public History program at Wright State. If you would like to see more photos from the Reunion Reception, please contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at WSU: (937)775-3162.
**Alumni News**

Kimberly Richards (2004) recently accepted a position as an Educational Grant Writing Specialist at GST (Greater Southern Tier) BOCES in Elmira, NY. Lucy Putnam (2004) has been working since graduation as the Archivist for the Glenmary Home Missioners in Cincinnati, OH. Tony Wright (1999) has worked as the Archivist for the City of Kalamazoo Department of Records Management, Research, and Archives since April 2000. In December 2007, Tony was hired by Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, MI, as a part-time history instructor.

Lonna McKinley (1996), Brett Stolle (2004), and Christina Douglass (2006) work as Manuscript Curators at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, where they care for 2-dimensional items donated to the museum, which can then be used for research and exhibits. Jessie Robinson (2004) passed the Certified Archivist exam in 2005. In 2007, she was promoted to Senior State Records Archivist at the Library of Virginia in Richmond. Tiffany O’Sheal (2007) started in January 2008 as an archivist at the Utah State Archives in Salt Lake City. She is also the Utah Public Notice Website Administrator. Collette Hill (2007) is an American History instructor at Sinclair Community College in Englewood, as well as an archivist for the Kettering Foundation in Kettering, OH. Natalie Fritz (2007) is the Curatorial Assistant at the Clark County Historical Society in Springfield, OH. Alumni: Please send your updated information to be included in future newsletters and on the Public History website! Email Andrea Green, green.143@wright.edu.

**Welcome New Students!**

Leigh Burnham (Franciscan University)
Kylee Conant (Kent State University)
Allyson Copper (Shawnee State University)
Kasey Eichensehr (Wittenberg University)
Rachael Hudson (Wilmington College)
Emily Huelskamp (Wright State University)
Jacob Kallgren (Wittenberg University)

Steve Knapp (Wright State University)
Lauren Schaubhut (East Texas Baptist University)
Lee Steiner (Bryan College)
Nathan Troup (Kent State University)
Wendy Wagener
Erica Wainwright (Ohio State University)

**A Note from the Director**

Dawne Dewey
Public History Program

The students are the very best thing about being Director of Public History at WSU. Getting to know the students, seeing how enthusiastic they are about history, their chosen profession and their excitement about the future, makes this job worth every effort. I recently held the first of what I hope will be many “Dialogue with the Director” sessions. About a dozen of the current students met with me to talk about the program. They shared ideas and suggestions for classes, internships, and projects. I’m also planning a retreat for Public History adjunct faculty to meet, discuss curriculum and share ideas about how we can continue to provide the best professional training for our students. Input from alumni will be very important as well. I’m looking forward to getting to know our students even better in the months ahead and appreciate all of the ideas, support and encouragement they have given me.
The mission of the Public History program at Wright State University is to prepare professionals who are well-grounded in knowledge of historical content, professional training, and hands-on experience.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2007 GRADUATES!

Winter 2007
Vicki Lipski (Certificate)

Spring 2007
Sherri Ayers (Certificate)
Chris Burton
Natalie Fritz
Collette Hill
Carla Lachecki
Garret Kremer-Wright

Summer 2007
Kathryn Miller

Fall 2007
Alaina Carroll
Ashley Conkle
Lorrie Monteiro
Tiffany O’Sheal
Tracey Stivers (Certificate)

Spring 2007 Commencement, L to R: Sherri (Derringer) Ayers, Collette Hill, Chris Burton, Natalie Fritz, Garret Kremer-Wright