

PHF Sponsors the State Archives' Scholars in Residence Program

Four weeks of nonstop research in an archives may seem like punishment to some, but to scholars from around the world, the chance to set aside the countless interruptions of their busy lives and focus on one research topic for an entire month—while surrounded by the inexhaustible resources of the Pennsylvania State Archives—is a dream come true. The Scholars in Residence (SIR) program is an attempt to make that dream a reality.

The SIR program dates to the early 1990s. Many young scholars who participated over the years had their research published, and their involvement in the program has helped springboard their academic careers to various professorships around the country. More seasoned scholars often used the program to research books or book chapters. In 2009 the program came to a sudden halt because of state budget reductions. In 2018 the State Archives, with the generous assistance of the Pennsylvania Historical Association and the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation, resurrected the program.

The SIR program allows scholars from around the world to apply for one of the stipends that provides financial support to visit the State Archives for up to four weeks of full-time research and study in its manuscript and state

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Scholars selected for the SIR program receive support for four weeks of full-time research and assistance from archivists at the Pennsylvania State Archives.

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The Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation is the nonprofit partner of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. Governed by a volunteer board, PHF helps preserve the commonwealth's rich heritage through charitable funding, membership, grant management, and community engagement.

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record collections. Residency programs are open to all who are conducting research on Pennsylvania history, including academic scholars, public sector professionals, independent scholars, graduate students, educators, writers, filmmakers and others.

Scholars are encouraged to conceive of research topics related to Pennsylvania history. They are further encouraged to identify relevant archival collections and assess their availability and accessibility. Because the State Archives is interested in making history meaningful and accessible to diverse audiences, research that is likely to result in widespread dissemination through nonspecialized publications, films, exhibitions or other means is particularly desired. Research topics that may have an impact on public policy are also most welcomed.

Sadly, the number of applicants for the SIR program far outstrips the available funds. The Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation strongly supports the SIR



The vast resources of the State Archives are made available for research to scholars in the SIR program.
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program and is actively seeking donations for it on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Archives. For more information on how you can support the SIR program, contact PHF at (866) 823-6539 or RA-paheritage@pa.gov.

PHF Introduces New Staff



PHF Special Projects Coordinator Jodie Dodson at the past Charter Day event at The State Museum of Pennsylvania
PENNSYLVANIA HERITAGE FOUNDATION

In 2019 Jodie Dodson of Cumberland County joined the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation as special projects coordinator. She is a graduate of American International College, where she earned a degree in business administration, and has worked in both private and nonprofit industries, most recently as the director of Children's Ministry. Over the past 20 years, she has continued to manage her husband's business. She brings to PHF experience and knowledge in fundraising, organization, volunteer coordination and networking.

America250PA Announces Its E.P.I.C. Goals

The Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America 250PA), a bipartisan project established by the state legislature and signed into existence by Gov. Tom Wolf in June 2018, continues its work in planning, encouraging, developing and coordinating celebrations in the Keystone State for the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. The Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation serves as America250PA's nonprofit partner, responsible for administration duties related to collecting donations, follow-up and reporting.

America250PA's executive director, Cassandra Coleman, has been reaching out to state organizations to introduce the mission and goals of the project. As she explains, the four pillars of America250PA are expressed as E.P.I.C.: Educate, Preserve, Innovate and Celebrate. Some of the strategies planned for achieving those goals are to expand education through partnerships with educational institutions and museums and by recommending civics curricula for schools; engage counties in historic preservation and offer mini-grants to preserve historic sites and parks as legacy projects; launch innovative regional campaigns focusing on areas of impor-



America250PA Executive Director Cassandra Coleman, center with sign, at The State Museum of Pennsylvania with PHMC Executive Director Andrea Lowery, PHMC Chair and America250PA Commissioner Nancy Moses, and PHMC Commissioner and America250PA Commissioner Andrew E. Masich.

tance across the state that will leave a lasting impact on each generation; and plan diverse celebrations to engage all counties and all Pennsylvanians.

To become involved, visit america250pa.org and sign up for email updates. To make a donation to America250PA, call 570-430-5013 or email info@america250pa.org.

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You can make a difference in the preservation of Pennsylvania history by making a gift to the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation through estate planning via your will or a charitable trust. Establishing a charitable trust is an appropriate way to control estate taxes, address family concerns, and direct legacy gifts to nonprofits, such as the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation.

For more information on how to leave a legacy through estate or financial planning, contact PHF toll-free at (866) 823-6539 or RA-paheritage@pa.gov. An experienced volunteer consultant is available at no cost or obligation to respond to your questions. In all cases, however, you should seek counsel from your own professional advisors.



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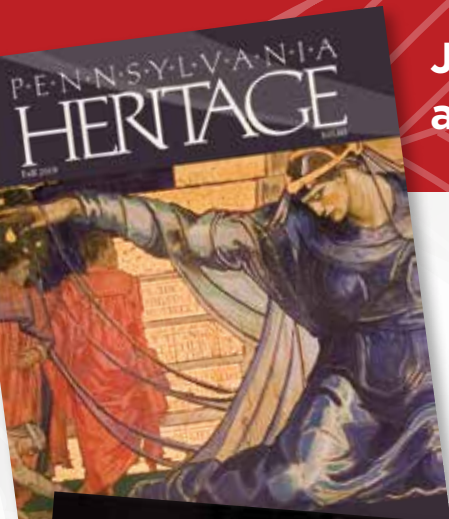
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