

Public History Internship

Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life
Summer 2022



The Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) seeks talented and energetic applicants for an exciting and **paid summer internship** in Jackson, Mississippi. This internship is co-led by Nora Katz (Director of Heritage & Interpretation) and Dr. Josh Parshall (Director of History).

Through a slate of engaging public programs and resources, the ISJL shares stories of Jewish life in the South with a wide and diverse audience. Our historical resources include *The Encyclopedia of Southern Jewish Communities* (an online collection of approximately 300 essays on local Jewish histories), an oral history collection consisting of more than 800 interviews, and the ISJL Institutional History Archive. Our public programs include Southern Jewish Heritage Tours and the ISJL Virtual Vacation (a digital programming series that explores the history and culture of the Jewish South).

Depending on interns' skills and interests, projects can include:

- Developing, researching, writing, and producing episodes of the ISJL Virtual Vacation.
- Processing and cataloging archival materials.
- Assisting with the Southern Jewish Heritage Tour program.
- Historical research, writing, and editing for the Encyclopedia or other digital history projects.
- Transcribing and indexing oral history interviews.
- Traveling (as public health conditions allow) to collect historical documents and conduct research.

Strong applicants will have experience in one or more of the following: public history, digital humanities, museums and archives, southern history/culture, or Jewish history/culture. Successful applicants will also have the ability to produce engaging and creative written content, and a passion for public-facing historical research and programs. Rising college juniors or seniors preferred.

Interns will reside in Jackson, Mississippi, and receive a stipend. The internship runs from **June 1st to July 29th, 2022**. The ISJL will help locate lodging, though interns will be responsible for paying for room and board. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with priority given to applications received by **Monday, February 21st, 2022**. We intend to offer this as an in-person position, but we may move to a remote arrangement if necessary. Safety measures will be in place according to public health conditions at the time.

To apply, please provide the following materials to Dr. Josh Parshall at jparshall@isjl.org:

- Cover letter
- Résumé/CV
- Short work sample (writing sample, digital humanities project, or otherwise)
- Names and contact information of three references

Address cover letter to:

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