



# PUBLIC FELLOWS PROGRAM

<b>Job Title:</b>	Cultural Resources Public Outreach Coordinator
<b>Organization:</b>	Cultural Resource Division, Office of Resource Stewardship and Science, National Capital Region, National Park Service
<b>Location:</b>	Washington, DC
<b>Stipend:</b>	\$65,000 with health insurance for fellow
<b>Start Date:</b>	September 1, 2016

## ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

The Cultural Resources Public Outreach Coordinator will serve in the Office of Resource Stewardship and Science, Division of Cultural Resources (CR Division). The division has primary responsibility for planning and management related to the preservation of cultural resources within the National Capital Region's 35 congressionally designated park units, as well as for providing technical and professional expertise and other consultation to parks, outside partners, and programs related to preservation of the region's historic resources. Our parks are among the most visited and visible parks in the National Park System. They range in character from the National Mall where formal monuments, statues, and memorials honor significant individuals and events, to narrow transportation corridors, such as the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park and the George Washington Memorial Parkway, to the broad sweep of farms and fields at Manassas, Antietam, and Monocacy National Battlefields. The CR Division is made up of an interdisciplinary team of cultural resource specialists organized into seven program areas: anthropology, archeology, historic architecture, history, landscape architecture, museum and archives, and National Historic Landmark programs. The office provides leadership, support, and advocacy for the stewardship, protection, interpretation, and management of the nation's heritage through scholarly research, science, and effective management. The resources entrusted to our care require a robust program of applied research to generate information to support management decisions and to help to interpret their history and significance.

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Cultural Resources Public Outreach Coordinator will focus primarily on three projects:

- 1) Devise strategies to disseminate information and transfer knowledge generated by the Cultural Resources (CR) Division to the public and to oversee implementation of these strategies. Through a vast array of projects and reports, the CR Division annually produces a valuable trove of information on historic sites and resources in Washington, DC, and the surrounding area. The NPS is committed to sharing this information with both the public and broadly throughout the NPS community. The Cultural Resources Public Outreach Coordinator will work with CR Division colleagues, the regional Office of Communications, and the National Capital Region's Web Coordinator to explore various means of disseminating this information.
- 2) Assist the Chief Historian of the National Capital Region in creating both opportunities and policies in working collaboratively with universities and colleges in Washington, DC, and in the

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region, on how history is both generated and presented in the parks of the National Capital Region. Working with the Chief Historian of NCR and with the NCR Office of Partnership, Youth, and Community Engagement, the Coordinator will work with local universities and colleges to identify student internship and project opportunities, research needs, scholars-in-residence programs, workshops, and other mutually-beneficial ways of collaborating.

- 3) In the 2011 Organization of American Historians' report *Imperiled Promise: The State of History in the National Park Service*, one problem highlighted was the communication gap between NPS historians and front-line interpreters. In collaboration with the NCR Chief Historian and the Chief of Interpretation, the Cultural Resources Public Outreach Coordinator will examine how this issue affects the National Capital Region and identify ways to increase collaboration between not only historians and interpreters in the NPS, but also among all cultural resource specialists and those who present or prepare material for the public.

Duties and potential activities include:

- Work collaboratively and in close consultation with colleagues in the National Capital Region (NCR) Cultural Division, with other NCR and NPS offices, and with scholars and universities in the region;
- Identify and implement strategies to better disseminate to the public and within the NPS the results of work completed by the NCR Cultural Resources Division;
- Identify and implement ways in which the NCR Cultural Resources Division can collaborate with area universities and colleges;
- Assist in identifying ways in which the NCR Cultural Resources Division can better collaborate with the NCR Interpretation and Education Division;
- Determine research needs and coordinate efforts to obtain needed research through various programs, grants, and contracts;
- Consult with cultural resource professionals to keep informed of new developments and research; and
- Design and develop electronic tools for disseminating and generating information and facilitating collaboration within and outside the NPS.

#### **REQUIRED AND PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- PhD in the humanities or humanistic social sciences;
- Research and analytical skills;
- Knowledge of humanistic research methods, including appreciating and defining historical contexts;
- Skill in communicating effectively orally and in writing;
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively in a fast-paced team environment;
- Skill in project planning, organization, and time management; and
- Resourcefulness and ability to innovate and identify opportunities.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Information on the ACLS Public Fellows Program: [www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows](http://www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows)
- All applications must be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application System ([ofa.acls.org](http://ofa.acls.org))
- Application deadline: March 24, 2016, 8 pm Eastern Daylight Time

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