

Dakota Wilson

Education

Master of Arts in History, Appalachian State University August 2022 - May 2024, Anticipated

- Museum Studies Concentration
- Cratis D. Williams Graduate School Ambassador
- Graduate History Student Association - President

Continuing Education, University of South Alabama August 2020 - May 2021

- Glassblowing Concentration
- Production Assistant

Bachelor of Arts in History, University of South Alabama August 2016 - August 2020

- Minor in Anthropology
- Study abroad in Taiwan

Professional Affiliations

- Southeastern Museum Conference August 2023 - Present
- National Council on Public History August 2022 - Present
- American Alliance of Museums May 2020 - Present

Museum Contract Work & Internship Experience

Collections Assistant Contract December 2023

Frazier Kentucky History Museum, Louisville, KY

- Mold mitigation on artifacts, including treatment and cleaning of items.
- Cataloged over 35 new acquisitions in Past Perfect, labeled and housed into storage using best museum practices.
- Compiled donor files from a neighboring institution and transferred items to the Frazier.

Graduate Student

Hickory Ridge History Museum August 2023 - December 2023

- Worked alongside other graduate students from Appalachian State University to design, curate, and install an exhibit on Hickory Ridge and *Horn in the West*®.

Collections Intern

May 2023 - August 2023

Frazier Kentucky History Museum, Louisville, KY

- Cataloged, photographed, and housed over 400 sets of historic miniatures from the Charles Stewart Historic Miniature Collection.
- Helped to source, itemize, and organize new permanent collection acquisitions.
- Worked with the exhibit team to de-install exhibit gallery, build walls, paint, and re-install the exhibit, *Commonwealth*.

Exhibits Volunteer

February 2022

Artisans of Florence International

- Worked alongside the staff receiving, repairing, and installing a traveling exhibition on the “Science of Archimedes” at The Explorium in Mobile, AL.

Collections Intern / Volunteer

January 2020 - April 2020

History Museum of Mobile, Mobile, AL

- Organized, accessioned, and conserved a large collection of donated items into the Past Perfect and into the museum collection.
- Worked alongside the collections staff in designing, receiving, and setting up a traveling exhibit on Leonardo Da Vinci’s Machines and ancient Rome.

Collections Intern / Volunteer

May 2018 – August 2018

USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park, Mobile, AL

- Organized, photographed, and accessioned textiles into Past Perfect.
- Worked alongside the staff to conserve the collection's machines, textiles, and other items.
- Assisted in creating multiple exhibits, including the ship barber shop and Navy Diver exhibit.

Work Experience

Sound Engineer / Camera Operator / Emergency Response Team

Harvest House Church / New Life Campus Ministry, Boone, NC

September 2022 - Present

- Responsible for operating sound equipment, cameras, and ensuring safety during regular church services, rehearsals, and campus ministry outreach.

Graduate Research / Teaching Assistant

August 2022 - Present

Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

- Worked with research advisor to design and publish an ongoing digital history site.
- Assisted professors in grading coursework, papers, and exams.

Assistant Manager

February 2022 - July 2022

Yellow Hammer Coffee Company, Mobile, AL

- Responsible for the opening and closing of the store.
- Monitored the staff and customers throughout the shift.
- Received and organized products at multiple locations.

Maintenance Director

June 2021 – July 2022

Yellow Hammer Coffee Company, Mobile, AL

- Started and maintained a database of machinery and technology used across 5 company locations.
- Performed regular maintenance and diagnostic service on company machinery and systems.
- Point of contact for store management of 4 locations for maintenance needs.

Honors and Awards

- Robert D. Warren Endowment History Scholarship
- Janet Mahan Summer Humanities Scholarship
- Foreign Language Scholarship to Study Abroad
- People to People Student Ambassador

Skills

- Foreign Language: Intermediate American Sign Language (ASL) abilities.
- PastPerfect Museum Database software proficiency.
- Introductory Computer Coding Experience; Python, C++, JavaScript.
- 3D printing experience (Crealty Ender3, Creality CR10 – v3, and Lulzbot TAZ Workhorse).
 - Using Octopi, TinkerCad, Ultimaker Cura, and PrusaSlicer.
- General maintenance and equipment repair.
- Intermediate woodworking skills.
- Intermediate Webdesign (Omeka, Wordpress, and Wix)