

Jerome Gillen Summer Internship Program **For History Majors and Minors**

In honor of Dr. Jerome Gillen's many years of service to Saint Peter's University, the History Department has established a student internship in his name. The summer internship is designed to give students the opportunity to work in a local New Jersey archive or museum where they will gain first-hand experiences working with historical archival materials. Students will also receive a \$1,000 stipend as well as \$200 travel stipend, if necessary. Students will work with archivists, librarians, museum curators or others on a specific research project to be completed during the internship. This year's featured organization is the New Jersey Room at the Jersey City Public Library (see below). Students also have the possibility of organizing a project with a different historical organization. The completed project will be highlighted on the Department's webpage.

Goals:

- Recipients of the internship will develop practical research skills and gain experience working in a professional environment.
- They will complete a tangible project on local New Jersey history.
- They will receive a letter from the person they worked with attesting to their accomplishment and skills.
- They will have a valuable experience to add to their resume and tout to employers.

Requirements:

- The student must be a history major or minor in good standing and a rising sophomore, junior or senior.
- The student will devote at least 100 hours to the program between May 15 and August 15. (The exact schedule will be determined in coordination with the recipient and the institution.)

Procedures:

Please complete the attached application and return it, along with a resume and one letter of recommendation from a faculty member), to the History Department by **Wednesday, 17 April 2019**.

Decisions will be made by Wednesday, 1 May 2019.

Host Site Information: New Jersey Room at the Jersey City Public Library

The New Jersey Room is a collection of materials about New Jersey with an emphasis on Jersey City and Hudson County. The collection, numbering about 20,000 volumes, includes both current and historical information. In addition to books, the New Jersey Room has a complete collection of all published Jersey City/Hoboken city directories dating from 1849 to 1925; an index for the Jersey Journal for the years 1912-1954 and 1969 to the present, a picture collection of over 13,000 images; hundreds of historic and contemporary maps; over 150 periodicals; manuscript collections; and several thousand topical files. The historic collection includes books published about Jersey City, plus privately compiled volumes, such as church histories. We have many books on other towns in Hudson County and throughout the state. The newspaper index and the city directories help those researching their family histories. The department's rare map collection is extensive.

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Part I

Personal Information

Name:

Address:

Cell phone number:

Email address:

Projected Year of Graduation:

Are you a History major or minor?

GPA:

Clubs and extracurricular activities:

Part II

Essay

Compose an essay that explains what you find appealing in the study of history and why you want to participate in the internship program. This might include discussing a favorite kind of history or event, a favorite historian's book, and/or addressing how the internship fits with your career goals. (750-1000 words)