

Claremont McKenna College Career Services Center
Resources for History Majors

Overview

The study of history develops two skills; first, the ability to understand complex changes in society, the economy, and the government; and second the ability to organize and express results in written form. These skills are useful in many positions in public administration, business, law, and journalism. Those pursuing such careers are encouraged to supplement their liberal arts studies with technical courses in areas such as journalism, government or business. Advanced undergraduates may intern in a government agency or business where they apply their research and writing skills in a practical project. History also prepares students for secondary school social studies teaching, library science, historical presentation, archival management and museum studies. It is important to know that there are few limitations in careers and internships for history majors, so do something you are interested in and that you enjoy!

Online Resources

Vault.com (Career Service Center Website>*Links*>VAULT>password, read instructions online)

- Although the Vault guides are not sorted by academic area, they are sorted by industry so we suggest you read the guides of the industries you are interested in to learn more about them

Opportunities in Public Affairs

- <http://www.brubach.com/opawebversion3/opa.htm>
- Username: careerservices Password: Heggblade

American Historical Association

- www.historians.org
- A great resource that offers information on jobs, fellowships, and a "Careers for History Majors" guide.

American Association of Museums

- www.aam-us.org
- Offers great information about museums, ways to get involved and career opportunities

Federal Jobs

- www.usajobs.opm.gov
- a great resource for finding federal jobs with extensive search options

Jobs in Non-profit Organizations

- <http://www.nonprofit-jobs.org/>

Careers for History Majors Reference Sites

- UNC-Wilmington: <http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/history.htm>
- American Historical Association: <http://www.historians.org/pubs/careers/>

National Council on Public History

- www.ncph.org
- A great site that offers extensive information about the organization as well as posts extensive jobs listings for full-time careers and internships

Organization of American Historians

- www.oah.org
- Offers great information for history majors as well as job listing and popular employers for historians

The Society of American Archivists

- www.archivists.org
- A great resource for history students interested in a career in archives. Also offers an extensive list of jobs and future education opportunities

Career Center Resources

Books (in the CSC library):

- The History Internship Book
- Careers for History Buffs & Others Who Learn From the Past
- Great Jobs for History Majors

Alumni Binders:

- Alumni Binders are sorted by both industry and location. History majors might find the journalism, law, public relations, non-profit and consulting binders useful.

Other Information

Online Assessments:

- We strongly suggest you take the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator or the Strong Interest Inventory Assessment available to you through the Career Services Center. See Online Assessment Instructions for details.

Upcoming Events:

- Workshop: *What Can I Do With a Major In: History*. Hosted by Scripps College.
 - Thursday, October 11, 2007; 6:30PM – 7:30PM
 - CP&R Library

Career Services Center Contacts for History Majors:

- For setting up an appointment for career counseling, graduate school advising, and internships contact Beth Ricca; e-mail: bricca@cmc.edu
- For law school advising contact Susanne Filback; e-mail: sfilback@cmc.edu