

## HISTORY

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Listed below are highlighted resources on the career field, graduate and professional school information, and employer/job hunting resource information. For information regarding internship resources, please refer to the Internship Bibliography.

### CAREER FIELD INFORMATION - BLUE SECTION

- 000 *Careers for Scholars and Other Deep Thinkers*
- 052 *Careers for Students of History - education, research, writing, info mgmt, advocate, business*
- 052 *Great Jobs for History Majors – non-classroom education, curatorial & archival mgmt, info mgmt, business, teaching*
- 052 *Public History: An Introduction*
- 052 *Careers for History Buffs & Others Who Learn from the Past*
- 052 *Top Careers for History Graduates*
- 052 *Careers in History (Video)*
- 050-055 *Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors*
- 090 *Opportunities in Teaching Careers and Career Opportunities in Education*
- 101 *Museum Jobs from A-Z; Opportunities in Museum Careers*
- 101-109 *Opportunities in Museum Careers*
- 109 *Opportunities in Library & Information Science Careers*
- 110 *So You Want to be a Lawyer: A practical guide to law as a career; Opportunities in Law Careers*
- 119 *Opportunities in Paralegal Careers*
- 119 *How to Land Your First Paralegal Job*
- 131 *Career Opportunities for Writers; also Technical Writing Careers*
- 370 *Careers for Mystery Buffs and Other Snoops and Sleuths*

### GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL INFORMATION - RED SECTION

- 000 *Peterson's Graduate Programs Guides* (<http://www.petersons.com/>)
- 000 *Writing a Winning Personal Essay* Richard J. Steltzer
- 000 *Writing Personal Statements and Scholarship Application Essays* Joe Schall
- 101-109 *Graduate Training in Museum Studies*
- 110 *Law School Buzz Book (Vault), 2007*
- 110 *Ultimate Guide to Law Schools (U.S. News and World Report), 2006*

### JOB HUNTING AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION - YELLOW SECTION

- 131 *Writer's Market, 2007*
- 188 *Careers in Government*
- GOVT *Ten Steps to a Federal Job*
- GOVT *The Federal Resume Guidebook*
- NAT'L *National Trade and Professional Associations of the U.S.* (or, search the database "Associations Unlimited" in GMU Libraries database list, online.)
- X *The History Internship Book* (140 organizations: museums, historic sites, preservation groups, parks, archives)
- X *Internships* (Peterson's Guides) See museums/cultural organizations, environmental organizations and parks, human services, public affairs, and research organization sections.
- X *Top Internships (Vault), 2007*
- X *Washington, DC Internships in Law & Policy*
- X *Insiders Guide to Political Internships: What to Do Once You're Inside the Door*

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN HISTORY?**

Recent graduates of the Mason History program are employed across the spectrum of job opportunities, since the skills developed in history classes (e.g., research, writing, oral communication, analytical and critical thinking skills) are applicable to most careers. Traditionally, history has been seen as a path of those planning a career in law, and many graduates have followed this route. Many striving for a career more closely connected with their historical studies either continue toward teacher certification, or go to graduate school for an advanced degree in history, museum studies, government/public policy, library science, or information systems.

According to recent surveys, GMU undergraduates have found employment in a variety of settings including: archives and records; banks; computer and industrial research; cultural/historical and park sites; judicial, local, state, or federal departments; military; museums; print journalism; non-profit organizations; and schools.

**Some job titles for Mason History grads include:** account executive, analyst, archival technician, language teacher, bookkeeper, buyer trainee, case specialist, collections manager, computer manager, contract administrator, customer service representative, data entry analyst, documentary editor, editor, editorial assistant, education coordinator, examiner, historic interpreter, legal assistant, library assistant, marketing assistant, paralegal specialist, programmer, police officer, public relations officer, reference library assistant, researcher, sales representative, security officer, senior multimedia author, system administrator, teacher, technical/sales support engineer, technical trainer, teller, writer. Other job possibilities may include: policy analyst, political campaign coordinator, historic preservation specialist, customs investigator, intelligence specialist, urban planner, association executive, and information specialist.

**ONLINE RESOURCES** – <http://careers.gmu.edu/onlineresources/hist.htm>

**EXPLORING MAJORS: INFORMATION ABOUT MAJORING IN HISTORY @ MASON**  
<http://careers.gmu.edu/exploringmajors/hist.pdf>