**INTERNSHIP BLOG JOURNALING ASSIGNMENT**

**HIS 690**

Approximately every two weeks, you need to write informal journal entries in a blog form about your work experiences. There need to be at least **FIVE journal entries** completed during the course of the internship, although you may write more. Please write them every other week of your internship so that you have the chance to reflect on your work throughout the internship and also to keep the Director of Public History in the loop about what you are doing and how it is going.

You may create the blog in whatever online format you choose (WordPress, Wix, Weebly, GoogleSites, etc.) and you may either make this blog public or private. Please share the link to your blog with the Director of Public History and also with your classmates in HIS 690 at the time that you first create the blog. I also encourage you all to read each other’s blogs as your internship progresses to learn from each other’s experiences.

Please note that this is an excellent opportunity to create a web presence for yourself and gain website development skills. To that end, I encourage you to take this opportunity to fill out the blog with other pages such as an About You section, a Contact page, a page for your resume, and/or any other pages you might want to include in your website.

In writing the journal entries, address the following areas (the best blog posts will address all the areas over the course of the five entries – not all at once):

* List how many hours you worked this week
* Literally what have you been doing? Believe it or not, you probably won’t remember the details even a couple of months later?
* What do you think about it? Be honest about shortcomings, challenges, and uncertainties.
* Are your running into any problems that are making the experience less than you had hoped?
* Does the experience remind you of anything you discussed in your classes?
* Does it lead to any new thoughts about the field and your place within it?