

General Meeting

March 31, 2021

Start: 3:31p

End: 3:54p

- Heather Aaronson, Education Programs Coordinator at Figge
 - CONTACT: haaronson@figgeartmuseum.org
 - She has been there 15 years and was there when the museum studies program at WIU began so she is very familiar with our program
- The Figge employs a lot of WIU students (about ½ of staff has been in program one way or another)
- Internships are available for the summer and fall, typically in the education and curatorial departments but there is flexibility. For instance, the development department has recently expressed interest in having interns. The development department typically has had help from undergraduate students but would love to have the experience of graduate students. There can also be cross-departmental work depending on interests.
- Figge Internships are unpaid and require 120 hours but they can definitely provide enough work to get the 200 hours needed to meet the museum studies program requirements. They also are very flexible and work around school and work schedules as well as try to help students get the experience they want. If you want to work with curation or education or something else, they try to find the best place for the interests you have so that you get the most out of your experience.
- In the past, interns have worked with video creation and editing, marketing, developing children and family programs, curating exhibits, designing gallery spaces, and more
- Over the past year, they've also had some virtual internships because of the pandemic
- The Figge is also a great resource for practicums and independent studies as well. You can reach out to Heather and Dr. White if you are interested in one of those
- IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN INTERNING AT THE FIGGE, email Heather (at haaronson@figgeartmuseum.org) your resume and a cover letter detailing your experience and explaining specific interests in working with the Figge (developing programs, curation, marketing, etc.)

- Heather can help out with GEMS in the future, for instance with a virtual tour. The Figge can definitely be a resource for our club
- Rhiannon in our program has done a lot of work in programming and education at the Figge
- Education department is very hands-on

- We have made SWAG decisions but we're working on getting approval for those things (and Tshirts) before announcing them
- First Virtual GEMS Date Night will be this Friday at 7pm. It won't go more than 40-60 minutes. We're going to explore the Anne Frank House together; it's a very well put together tour
- SGA Trivia Night on campus at Riverfront Hall - April 16th (detailed in Rocky Review)
 - Limit of 40 participants
 - Rachel is going to look into it more
 - Perhaps we can get a Museum Studies team together