100 Years of Women in Durham Politics
Exhibit Intern

About the Museum of Durham History:

The Museum of Durham History is a 21st-century museum that uses stories about people, places and things to foster curiosity, encourage further inquiry, and promote an understanding of diverse perspectives about the Durham community and its history.

Exhibit Background:

2020 will mark the centennial anniversary to the ratification of the 19th amendment, giving women in the United States the right to vote. This exhibit will explore the history of women’s participation in politics, with a focus on their political role in Durham. Exhibit topics will include the women’s suffrage movement and 19th amendment, key ‘firsts’ for women in the Durham community, inequities for women of color, and more contemporary issues. In keeping with the Museum’s tradition of making history personal and engaging, the exhibit will include the stories of local elected officials and community activist leaders.

Key Responsibilities May Include:

- Conducting research including oral-history interviews with community members.
- Working with supervisor on analyzing research and developing an exhibit narrative.
- Identifying and obtaining high-resolution images for use exhibition.
- Writing and refining label text.
- Developing programming for the exhibit’s run.
- Creating digital exhibit components.

Qualifications and Skills Preferred:

- Graduate student pursuing a degree in American history, museum studies, or a related field
- Excellent writing and communication skills
- Experience with Archival research
• Basic knowledge of Durham and North Carolina history
• Ability to work independently as well as in a team

Preferred Skills:

• Experience writing for a general audience
• Developing educational programs
• Website/blog development
• Oral history/interview skills
• Proficient in Microsoft Office

Supervisor:

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