Networks that Empower Work-Life Satisfaction
Professional Development Training for Humanities Scholars

NEW PATHS

If you are going down a road and don't like what's in front of you, and look behind you and don't like what you see, get off the road. Create a new path!

― Maya Angelou

Dr. Amanda C. Bryant-Friedrich
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NEW PATHS

• Department of English – Chair Elizabeth Faue
• Department of History – Chair Caroline Maun
• Department of Political Science - Sharon Lean
• Graduate School – Jeff Pruchnic
NEW PATHS: Goals

– Increase humanities PhD student’s awareness of available career paths at the very start of their graduate education

– Helping humanities PhD students’ build professional networks during their graduate education

– Train students in best practices for building professional relationships
NEW PATHS: Activities

– Workshops Based on Student Input
– Alumni Engagement and Networking
– “Early” Internships
– Peer Mentorship
– Humanities Clinic Partner Engagement and Networking
– NEW PATHS Postdoctoral Fellow
NEW PATHS: Internships

– 100 hours during the summer working with
  • Healthcare Professionals
  • Museum Professionals
  • Archivists
  • K-12 Educators
  • Non-profit leadership

– Pairing of new PhD students with advanced students

– Experience the workplace
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“This internship deeply inspired me and made me realize how essential the work of community partners and activists is to improve and positively impact the lives of the people in their communities. This was both an eye opener and a reminder of the necessity and responsibility that one bears to exercise his/her citizenry.”
Bringing humanities expertise to Detroit

"Having our talented Humanities Clinic intern participate in and contribute to our organization was priceless." - Kathy Wyszaeki, Community Connections Grant Program

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