

Archives & Special Collections Summer Practicum

- currently enrolled in an ALA-accredited Library & Information Science program
- or, enrolled in a graduate-level program in History or Museum Science with related coursework in Collections Management or Archival Science

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Archives Special Collections Summer Practicum (ASCSP) offers the next generation of collections professionals and archivists a unique opportunity to study, preserve, and engage with special collections that represent the creative heritage and rich cultures of Louisiana. Under the direction and tutorship of their respective project lead(s), the fellow will gain knowledge in the application of formal procedures related to the cataloging and organization of historic material houses in a special collection's library In the setting of a 4-week practicum.

CANE RIVER COLLECTION PROJECT

The Cane River Collection consists primarily of legal papers such as wills, estate inventories, land transfers, mortgages, receipts, and purchases of enslaved people. The people of Cane River developed a highly influential and wealthy lifestyle prior to the 1850s in Central Louisiana. The collection contains a great number of legal documents concerning the successions of these peoples' estates. The documents range from appointments of proxy to estate inventories and guardianship for minors. In addition to revealing the community, these documents serve as outlines of the careers of the various Notary Publics who served in Cane River. The fellow will work to make this collection more accessible to the public by linking the collection's digital surrogates to the item-level catalog records.







