

PRESERVATION SUMMER

History 496B: Internship for Graduate and Undergraduate History Students

Course Title: The African American Experience at the Confluence of the Ohio and the Mississippi Rivers, 1820-1890

This course includes two weeks of hands-on training in historic restoration and preservation with the Heritage Conservation Network and six weeks of primary source history research focused on the African American experience from 1820 to 1890 on the lower Ohio and Mississippi rivers in Illinois and Kentucky. Our goal will be to find and document the histories of African American contributions and life in the area during the last three quarters of the nineteenth century.

Furthermore, an exhibit and possible publication will be compiled and displayed from this research at the University Museum for Black History Month in January and February 2010.

The first two weeks will take place in Cairo Illinois completing the HCN certification coursework. Housing will be provided in Cairo for students for the first two weeks. Students from the Schools of Architecture and History will simultaneously attend the restoration workshop. During the remainder of the semester there are two options for history students 1) Conducting primary source research in surrounding towns two days a week and helping architecture students two days with the historic restoration of the project house in Cairo and live in Cairo, 9 hrs; 2) Conduct the primary source research component in Cairo, Brook Port, Metropolis and Paducah two days a week and meet with the instructors in Cairo one day a week, 3 hrs. (Funding for living in Cairo is not yet confirmed)

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