Resources

- Internships
  - AAM’s Virtual Internship Resource page
  - Virtual internship opportunities spreadsheet
    - Compiled by the AAM Museum Studies Network and NYC Museum Educators Roundtable (this is crowdsourced, so can’t guarantee every opportunity)
    - Be proactive and reach out to places that you are interested in and ask if you can help do something virtually. Propose a project (research/content creation, social media, transcription)
    - Consider adding a line to an “awards and honors” section on your resume to mention that you received an internship but it was cancelled due to COVID-19
      - Ex. “Selected for the Guggenheim’s education internship for summer 2020, which was canceled due to the pandemic.”
      - Being accepted to an internship still reflects your ability and employers will understand that 2020 was a unique summer
  - Some museums are currently working to create digital internships, so keep an eye out for new opportunities

- Grants and funding sources for internships:
  - New York Foundation for the Arts
    - Gives out individual grants to artists
  - The Decorative Arts Curatorial Internship Grants
    - For recent Masters or PhD graduates in partnership with museums and historical societies
    - Application due September 30
  - Check to see if your college funds unpaid internships

- Job search
  - Make sure your resume and LinkedIn are updated
    - Consider highlighting any remote work experience and skills
  - Practice your cover letter writing and interview skills
  - Schedule a virtual appointment with the Career Center at your school/alma mater
  - Understand the realities of the museum job market; it’s a marathon, not a sprint
  - Read through job descriptions and figure out what interests you
  - Think about transferable skills like grant writing, event planning, social media, fundraising, etc
- May need to temporarily look outside the museum field
  - Places that are currently hiring (not necessarily museum-related):
  - Look into short term options like gig work or other virtual opportunities
    - Remote work dictionary
    - Remote Job boards
    - Fiverr
    - Virtual Student Federal Service (some museum work)
    - 25 Virtual Companies
  - Create a personal website or work on your “personal brand”
  - Build new skills
    - Technology, marketing, and development are often needed
    - Get relevant certifications from local community colleges and adult education centers
    - LinkedIn Learning (check if available for free through your college/alma mater or local library)
    - Learn to code, Code Academy
    - Practice another language: Mango Languages (often free through local libraries), Duolingo, and more
    - Coursera
    - Edx
    - FutureLearn
  - Create a self-directed project (your own virtual exhibit, cleaning your family’s silver within collections care standards, conduct research on a topic of your choice, start a blog or podcast about museums, etc.)
  - If financially able, try to volunteer or intern for an organization that you want to work for, build relationships with institutions

**Museum, History, Arts, and Culture Job Listings Websites:**

- State
  - Connecticut League of History Organizations
  - Hawaii Museums Association
  - Maine Archives and Museums
  - Georgia Association of Museums & Galleries
  - Washington Museum Association
  - Massachusetts, Hire Culture
  - Massachusetts, The Trustees
  - New York Foundation for the Arts
  - Texas Association of Museums (TAM)

- Regional
  - Association of Midwest Museums (AMM)
  - Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums (MAAM)
  - Western Museum Association (WMA)
  - Mountain Plains Museum Association (MPMA)
  - New England Museum Association (NEMA)
- Southeastern Museum Conference (SEMC)
  - National
    - The Idealist.org
    - Association of Academic Museums and Galleries
    - American Alliance of Museums (AAM)
    - American Historical Association (AHA)
    - National Council for Public History (NCPH)
    - Smithsonian
    - Museum Hack’s Museum Jobs Board
    - American Association for State and Local History (AASLH)
    - The Association for Living history, Farm and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM)
    - Global Museum
    - Small Museums Association
    - Association of Art Museum Curators
    - Museum Employment Resource Center
    - HigherEd Jobs
    - USAJOBS (federal jobs)
    - National Park Service
    - Cultural Resource Network
    - Museum Jobs Online.com
  - Museum Studies Program Blogs and Newsletters:
    - Tufts University
    - University of Delaware’s MuseWeekly
  - Specific museum’s websites
  - Networking
    - Phone or video chat informational interviews
      - Keep in mind, some people may be too overwhelmed to talk right now
    - Reach out to mentors/previous supervisors
    - Connect with alumni and utilize networking platforms from your school/alma mater
    - Attending free or reduced cost webinars and town halls
      - NEMA
      - Cuseum
      - AASLH (waiving fees with code: FREEWBR20)
      - Association of Midwest Museums (AMM)
      - Texas Historical Commission (THC)
    - Join the the National Emerging Museum Professional Facebook Group
    - Join your local Young and Emerging Museum Professionals Facebook Group
      - NEMA
    - Join the Emerging Museum Professionals Forum LinkedIn Group
    - Join NEMA’s Young and Emerging Museum Professionals LinkedIn Group
    - Attend your local Drinking About Museums events
- Join professional organizations or boards
  - NEMA’s YEP PAG is looking for new chairs!
- Attend conferences (in-person or virtual, if you can afford it)
  - AAM (May 18 and June 1-4, virtual this year)
  - Museums and the Web (just occurred)
  - NEMA (every November)
    - Scholarships and volunteering available to lower costs
  - AASLH
  - CAA - College Art Association
- **Finishing up degree requirements**
- Research Resources
  - Hathi Trust Emergency Temporary Access Service
  - Digital Repositories for Book History Teaching
  - Library Genesis
  - Gallica
  - Al Maktaba Al Shamela
  - Europeana
  - Internet Archive
  - National Gallery of Art Systemic Catalogs
  - Sci-Hub
  - Persée
  - JSTOR Open Access
  - MCN: Ultimate Guide to Virtual Museum Resources, E-Learning, and Online Collections
  - Smithsonian Open Access
  - New York Public Access Digital Collections
  - The Renaissance Society of America Online Resources Listing
  - Getty Research Tools
  - World Digital Library
  - Reach out to your librarians for help getting access to print materials
- Grants and funding resources for current students’ research:
  - **Stella Blum Student Research Grant**
    - $3,000
    - Funds research of a current undergraduate or graduate student who is a member of the Costume Society of America and conducting original research in the field of North American costume
  - **The Decorative Arts Trust Summer Research Grant**
    - $500 - $1,000
    - For graduate students working on a Master’s thesis or PhD dissertation in a field related to the decorative arts
    - Note application was due April 30
  - **NSF’s Graduate Research Fellowship Program** (GRFP)
For individuals early in their graduate training in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields

- **Lessons from the 2008 Recession**
  - Lessons Learned from the 2008 Recession, Giving Institute
  - Museum and the Recession

- **What can we learn from this crisis to make us better museum professionals?**
  - How museums reach out to the public
    - Pandemic has pushed things online, opportunities to supplement with online programs in the future. How can we further use the platforms created as a response to this crisis?
    - Virtual tours were only popular for the first few days of shelter in place and instead have seen a rise in
    - More room for education departments to step in and think about online educational experiences, whether live or pre-recorded.
  - Budgets and financial stability
    - Think about museums’ revenue sources and business structures, how can they prepare financially for a future crisis like this? (like a cash reserve of 30-90 days worth of operation costs)

- **General Museum or Professional Responses to Covid-19**
  - A Google Drive where Museum Professionals are sharing documents related to Covid-19
  - A Google Spreadsheet tracking Covid-19 impact on museums
  - Art+Museum Transparency Twitter Feed Tracking Furloughs and Layoffs
  - Google Sheet with Information on for those interested in Unionizing

- **Closing Thoughts**
  - Remember museums are scrambling to navigate this, just as we are
  - Be patient and understanding
  - Be persistent and advocate for yourself (in a professional and courteous manner)
  - Self-care
  - Reach out to fellow emerging museum professionals!