

Ruth Kodish- Eskind

Objective

Museum professional pursuing work in local history, cultural resources, and community arts. Thrives in collections, libraries and museums. Motivated to conduct research and to organize creative and thought-provoking public programs.

Experience

October 2024 – Present

Museum Assistant *Tenino Depot Museum*

Greets visitors and supports community engagement with the Museum, including special events. Responsible for opening and closing the museum and operating the POS system for the Museum gift shop. Accessions and catalogs objects in the collection with great attention to detail and scans historic photographs with the utmost care. Trains volunteers to become docents.

July 2024 – Present

Exhibition Research, Oral History Collection *Jefferson County Historical Society*

Currently working as an independent contractor conducting historical research for new exhibitions focused on the theme of "Home". Collecting contributions from the local community on the theme of creative homes and alternative living. Conducting interviews with narrators of local prestige for new exhibitions and long-term collections.

January 2023 – June 2024

Diversity in Local History Intern *Jefferson County Historical Society*

Uplifting stories which have been historically excluded from the JCHS collection, I recorded over twelve oral history interviews and researched biographical sketches for over thirty historic residents of the county. Trained to navigate museum collections and other archives and repositories, and practiced at presenting research at conferences, in public programs and digitally.

August 2021 - October 2021

New Student Orientation Leader *The Evergreen State College*

Educated incoming students about the College while creating a fun and engaging atmosphere. Designed and lead icebreaker and trust-building activities, such as building a geodesic dome from a kit of parts.

Education

Sept 2008 - June 2022

B.A. History

The Evergreen State
College

Skills

- Archival Research
- Oral History Collection
- Project Management
- Public Programs
- Community Engagement

Interests

Work that connects the public with the places where we live and deepens our understanding of local history.

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