

Josef Renton

Contact Information

Email

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Located

Indianapolis, Indiana

Education

Museum Studies MA

Indiana University Purdue University
Indianapolis, IN. 2019-2021

Anthropology BA

Archaeology and
Socio-Cultural Anthropology
Minor in Religious Studies
Indiana University
Bloomington, IN. 2013-2017

Competencies and Skills

Hand and and basic power tools
Basic welding and soldering
Creative problem solving
Conflict resolution
Critical thinking
Cultural competency
Structural competency

Software

Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop
Microsoft Office
Autodesk 3-D Modeling Software
Artivive AR Software
KeEmu database software

Experience

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis

Archaeology Laboratory and Conservator Assistant

August 2019-Present

- Installs, arranges, assembles, and prepares artifacts for exhibition, ensuring the artifacts' safety, reporting their status and condition.
- Assists in the safe transport of artifacts, either from internal collection, incoming and outgoing loans, or new donations
- Creates custom housing and storage mounts for proper storage of artifacts and collections items.
- Acts as an information resource for gallery facilitators, and interpreters with new upcoming lab activities, conservation work, and artifacts in the lab
- Assists lead conservator in day to day tasks including collections object care and management, exhibit installation, and exhibit layout.

Museum Exhibit Facilitator- Interpretation

March 2018 – August 2019

- Prepared for the presentations of specifically designated interpretation programs for museum audiences by researching subject matter, memorizing and editing scripts, and honing presentation techniques and skills.
- Maintained a high level of content knowledge for each exhibit in order to provide high quality experiences both formally and informally.

Indiana University School of Anthropology

Research Intern Willam R. Adams Zooarchaeology Laboratory

August 2017-December 2017

- Cataloged artifacts for archaeological research project focusing on social landscapes in northwestern Wyoming
- Assisted in photographing artifacts including making 3-D models and other lab equipment maintenance
- Worked as front of lab staff engaging with lab visitors