

Project Director
Chronicling Resistance, Enabling Resistance
Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries (PACSCL)

The Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries (PACSCL) seeks a project director for “Chronicling Resistance, Enabling Resistance: Libraries and Archives Expose Historical Documents and Encourage Communities to Make their Stories Heard.” This project will create a dialog between the collections of the 38 member libraries of PACSCL, and communities of activism, teachers and students (particularly K-12), and journalists. The project explores questions including: What are compelling ways to create connections among our audiences and the region’s rich heritage in ways that are meaningful to those audiences? How can we give voice to resistance—historical and current—in ways that our institutions historically have not? What are the best ways to expand the stories told about resistance?

The project director will provide leadership and intellectual grounding for this project. The project director will plan and lead discussions with consultants, help to identify potential allies for this project, and shape future discussions based on what is learned from each conversation. Project activities include developing and implementing a communications plan that relies on email and social media as well as outreach to the press, and planning and carrying out several town hall or listening events and one or more larger-scale public programs. At the end of this phase of the project, the director will draft a report which will provide a vision for next steps based on what has been learned through the discovery process.

PACSCL is an inherently collaborative organization, and PACSCL member staff are committed to investing significant time in this project. The project director will work closely with the PACSCL advisory board, project consultants, and community allies. They will need to listen closely to a multiplicity of voices and convey those thoughts and concerns to a wider audience.

The project director will direct and coordinate the work of the volunteer advisory board (who have committed to actively sharing in project tasks), a project assistant, and PACSCL administrative staff in project activities, and will share in carrying out the work as appropriate.

This is a 11-month consultancy running from mid-August 2018 to June 2019. The stipend is \$10,000 for an estimated 200 hours. The project director will work from home, and scheduling is flexible. There will be some required evening/weekend hours in order to be present at events. There is the possibility of continuing to work on the project in the implementation phase, based on funding.

Required qualifications:

- Experience managing large projects and strong project management skills.
- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Familiarity with Philadelphia communities, particularly the audiences involved in this project.

- Experience with social media.

Preferred qualifications:

- Familiarity with cultural heritage institutions in the Philadelphia area.
- Advanced degree.

Applicants should send a letter of interest and resume/CV to resistance@pacsl.org by July 30.

PACSCL encourages applications from those with diverse backgrounds and experiences.

See <http://pacsl.org/ChroniclingResistance> for more information.