DeGolyer Library Internship

Overall description: DeGolyer Library seeks an intern to assist with preparation for an exhibition on women's rights and suffrage, July-September 2020, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote in American elections.

In addition to research, the intern will also assist DeGolyer staff with selection of objects for display (books, pamphlets, broadsides, posters, ephemera, photographs, manuscripts, and other realia), describe those objects in a standard form concisely and accurately, and prepare a checklist for the exhibition. The exhibit will include materials from the DeGolyer Library's permanent collection as well as materials on loan from two private collectors.

Duties will include the following:

- Create an overview of the exhibition's various themes and sub-themes
- Research content areas assigned
- Determine content priorities and final content selection
- Complete drafts of didactic and object labels
- Identify and do research on artifacts needed
- Assist with digitization and preparation of online exhibit

Qualifications:

- Major or minor in history, English, women's studies, or political science desired but not required; interest in American women's history, from the 19th c. to the present
- Excellent research and writing skills
- Strong attention to detail
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Ability to work well alone and in a group

Benefits:

- A deeper understanding of American women's history in the period 1820-1920, through engagement with primary sources
- Unpaid, but useful experience to add to one's resume, especially for someone interested in graduate school or a career in libraries, archives, or museums
- o Possible course credit (for history majors) or as an independent study project
- Estimated 8-10 hours per week

Start date:

Spring semester, 2020; possible extension to summer, 2020, depending on circumstances