



Clemson University Historian

Position Summary

The Office of the Provost invites applications and nominations for the position of University Historian. This successful candidate will serve as a resource on issues of historic interpretation, representation, and commemoration for the Clemson community. They will also be responsible for compiling and disseminating new scholarship relating to Clemson's past. Clemson University is built on the site of John C. Calhoun's Fort Hill Plantation as well as land previously inhabited by the Eastern Cherokee people. This unique moment in Clemson's history presents an exciting opportunity for the scholarly leader that will take on this role of engaging with the public to tell Clemson's story. This appointment will report directly to the Dean of Libraries, with a dotted line to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

Position Responsibilities:

The University Historian will be responsible for:

- Producing a vision statement and implementation plan for Clemson History;
- Curating the University's historical records in partnership with the University's special collections (Libraries) and historic properties;
- Continuing the process of documenting and interpreting the University's history, building on existing scholarship and research;
- Collaborating with the University's administration and current or future history task forces or standing committees to:
 - Interpret the history of Clemson University and the Clemson community;
 - Develop recommendations for historical markers, monuments or statues;
 - Develop ways to increase Alumni, student, staff, faculty, and community engagement in Clemson History;
 - Provide advice and oversight on issues requiring historical interpretation, academic expertise and/or sensitivity;
 - Assist with the development of programs and initiatives aimed at understanding and interpreting Clemson's history, such as Clemson History in Plain Sight events, historic tours or materials for the history website;
- Work with others on campus developing a deeper understanding of the university's historical ties to slavery;
- As a public historian, serving as the point of contact and spokesperson for historical issues for the community and University.

Qualifications:

The successful candidate will have a terminal degree. A record of public history leadership and strong communication and organizational skills is desired. Demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion. Candidates with appropriate credentials and experience may be considered for a faculty appointment in an academic department.

How to Apply:

Confidential applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Applicants should submit a cover letter, a resume or CV, and contact information for 3 professional references via Interfolio (<https://apply.interfolio.com/88602>). For full consideration, all application materials must be submitted by July 31, 2021.