The new Dr. Seuss Museum opens in 2017

A collaboration between Commonwealth Honors College and the Springfield Museums, the Seuss Project offers a set of practicum and independent study opportunities for the Spring 2017 semester. The projects are related to the Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum which is scheduled to open in 2017 in Springfield, Massachusetts. The new museum will honor the life and work of Springfield native Theodor Seuss Geisel (aka Dr. Seuss) and will promote literacy, teamwork, and creative thinking.

Honors students are invited to work on and off campus to support the opening of the museum. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on December 5, 2016. Students interested in any of the projects described below should direct inquiries to dean@honors.umass.edu.

**APPLY**

**Practica**

The practicum opportunities offer experiential learning for 1-2 pass/fail credits. The opportunities are:

**Paint Murals.** Assist lead project artist and CHC professor John Simpson in drawing
and painting Seussian murals within the museum galleries. *(Onsite at the museum. Students need their own transportation to and from Springfield.)*

**Design and develop interactive exhibit elements.** Assist lead project artist/designer and CHC professor John Simpson in designing and developing mechanically and/or electrically engineered interactive exhibit elements. *(Onsite at the museum and offsite. Students need their own transportation to and from Springfield.)*

**Independent Studies**

The independent study opportunities require an academic contract with defined learning objectives and expectations and can be arranged for 1-2 credits. The opportunities are:

**Develop Educator Guide with Activities for Children in the Dr. Seuss Museum.** Develop a written guide containing at least fifteen original educational activities (make-and-take craft, gallery game, writing prompt, etc.) to be used in the new Dr. Seuss museum. Each activity should include a full description of the educational purpose and the foundation in literacy standards as well as directions, materials, and the connection to Dr. Seuss’s work. *(Offsite. Must make one initial museum visit.)*

**Develop Educator Guide with Children’s Activities for the Science, Art, and History Museums.** The Springfield Museums are a multi-disciplinary institution with art, history, and science collections. When the Dr. Seuss Museum opens, the Seuss theme will be represented throughout the Springfield Museums campus. Develop at least fifteen Seuss-themed activities (five each of art, history, and science) that can be facilitated by a staff member in a gallery or classroom. Each activity should include a full description of the educational purpose and the foundation in curriculum standards as well as directions, materials, and the connection to Dr. Seuss’s work and a particular museum gallery. *(Offsite. Must make an initial museum visit.)*

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