

PIERSON BROWN

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Education

MA Museum Studies | New York University | 2021-2023

- Cumulative GPA: 3.958
- Relevant Coursework
 - *Thesis*: Produced research entitled “Bringing the Outside In: How New York’s Museums Created Self-Taught Art” investigating curatorial power regarding self-taught art and the intentions behind institutions exhibiting marginalized artists
 - *Museums & Political Conflict*: Produced three-part research series unpacking controversy of the 1991 exhibition *Old Glory*, culminating with a leadership framework for institutions presenting potentially controversial works to their audiences

BA Interdisciplinary Studies | American University | 2018-2021

- Magna Cum Laude
- *Major*: Communications, Legal Institutions, Economics & Government *Minor*: Art History
- *Involvement*: SPA Leadership Program, Honors Program, Pi Sigma Alpha, DC Reads

Experience

Museum Services Intern | Christie’s | September 2022 – June 2023

- Assisted team of three with needs of 300+ museum clients, including organizing acquisitions, appraisals, and collections management
- Utilized internal databases for management of client and object records
- Produced museum client and object research for internal use
- Created frameworks for internal affinity and support groups with ED&I team

Volunteer Coordinator | Art in Odd Places | May 2022 – September 2022

- Coordinated public performance artworks and fulfilled needs of 40 artists participating in three-day event alongside team of 18
- Built partnerships with local businesses along 14th street, where festival is held annually
- Educated 20 volunteers on AiOP’s mission, bystander intervention, and de-escalation tactics

Curatorial Fellow | Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum | November 2021 – February 2022

- Assisted Kyung An, Assistant Curator of Asian Art, with upcoming exhibitions *Sarah Sze: Timelapse & Experimental Art in South Korea, 1960s-70s*
- Conducted archival and contemporary research for catalogues and artwork texts
- Gained experience with The Museum System (TMS), Parallels, and Microsoft Office Suite

Education Intern | Heurich House Museum | January 2021 – May 2021

- Conducted archival research concerning the history of the Heurich family’s household staff
- Created educational content for future exhibitions and social media engagement
- Developed director’s succession plan and document retention plan

Professional Affiliations & Service Organizations

- American Alliance of Museums
- Professional Organization of Women in the Arts
- American Legion Auxiliary Volunteer Girls State