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Activities Report - Smithsonian American Art Museum, Education Department Internship
Summer 2018

June

- Created a map of artwork locations throughout the museum to be distributed at the July Summer Institute for Teachers
- Assisted in the creation of a 'facebook' of information for new interns and fellows in the Education Department.
- Coordinated and developed 'zones of artistic inquiry' for six Institute 'teach-out' sessions with educators
- Prepared informational packets of activity guides and artworks cards to be distributed to Institute teachers
- Created instructional Smithsonian object collections with interactive textual material using the Smithsonian Learning Lab
 - Published a collection entitled "The Changing Image of American Classrooms," which used Smithsonian accessioned objects, video content, and website resources to discuss the Civil Rights movement and other developments in the teaching profession. The collection was later used for the Summer Institute Teachers, who will also be working the Smithsonian Learning Lab to create their own lesson plans.

July-August

- Brainstormed and created new in-gallery activities for families and intergenerational audiences
- Facilitated the production of the Summer Institute for Teachers through two individual weeks in July. Fifty-nine teachers in total from 25 states and China participated in this year's Institute.
 - Managed and tracked teacher attendance and participation
 - Assisted SAAM staff in facilitating gallery conversations and visual thinking strategy activities
 - Presented on the history and development of the Smithsonian's new National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC), the chosen visit site for a Wednesday 'field trip' each week
 - Developed and led an in-gallery postcard activity
 - Led a group of teachers through a practice run of their presentations on a single artwork utilizing Harvard Project Zero visual thinking exercises.

- Assisted in onboarding Institute teachers to the Smithsonian Learning Lab, which they explored and used throughout the week in developing the outline for their lesson plan. Completed lesson plans from this year's Institute can be found at https://learninglab.si.edu/search?st=%23SAAMteach&st_op=and&item_type=collections.
- Assisted in facilitating breakout sessions for WISSIT Conference Museum Day – A local teacher conference organized by the Washington International School and Harvard Project Zero.