

Historic Germantown Student Experience

“My principal focus of the internship, in addition to learning about the myriad of historical sites and overlaid stakeholders that comprise Historic Germantown’s scope in Northwest Philadelphia, was writing a long-form article for the organization’s quarterly publication, the Germantown Crier. I was able to write this piece as a comprehensive overview of the various proposed and completed roadway infrastructure proposals in Germantown and its environs during the mid-20th century, incorporating knowledge I had learned in class and through prior personal research regarding Federal and local urban policy and its impacts on the built environment. Because of the goals of Historic Germantown, I put a higher emphasis on covering some of the community response (and in some cases opposition) to some of the proposals than I would have otherwise if writing for myself or in another context.”

-- *Leo Wagner, 2021 Historic Germantown SHIP student*