

Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts/University Archives

“A majority of the internship was remote and online, but I was constantly being engaged by the staff with weekly meetings with the other interns to discuss our projects, progress, and interests along with discussions and presentations by various faculty members on their areas of expertise and research interests. The projects which I had undertaken included the transcription of early English and American recipe books from the 18th and 19th centuries, an investigation of the metadata of the lecture notes from students of physician Benjamin Rush, and the organization and cataloging of the Kislak’s Center ever-growing Milton Collection and, recently acquired, Elizabeth Fee Collection.”

-- Sarah Bernstein, 2021 Kislak Center/University Archives SHIP student

“The first task we worked on as a group was transcribing 19th century recipe books for the Kislak Center collections. While working with these books, I was able to familiarize myself with some unique ingredients and cooking techniques, and I got fairly adept at decoding the obscure handwriting in the books. For the majority of my internship, however, I have been working on a project with the Penn Archives centered around the history of Penn’s early sports associations.”

-- Lochlahn March, 2021 Kislak Center/University Archives SHIP student