

# Taylor Pastor

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A motivated, museum professional looking to apply classroom knowledge to real-world experiences, with a strong willingness to learn and contribute. An effective oral and written communicator with a collaborative mindset, ready to bring fresh perspectives and a strong work ethic to any team.

## Education

### Indiana University Indianapolis

Master of the Arts: Museum Studies  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
GPA: 3.9

August 2024-May 2026

### Purdue University

Bachelor of the Arts: Sociology and Anthropology  
Minor in Classical Studies  
West Lafayette, Indiana

August 2020-May 2024

## Professional Experiences

Masonic Library and Museum of Indiana

August 2025-May 2026

### Collections Intern

Indianapolis, Indiana

- Handles historic archives and books
- Creates cataloging, condition reporting, and labeling protocol with a partner
- Works with PastPerfect, WordPress, and Microsoft software

Indiana University Indianapolis Ruth Lilly Law Library

February 2025-May 2025

### Circulation Assistant

Indianapolis, Indiana

- Opened library and inspected returned books for damage and other issues before checking them back in independently
- Handled inquiries in person, on the phone, and via email
- Used Microsoft Teams to communicate with library staff

## Other Experiences

- Serves as the current Secretary of the Museum Studies Club at Indiana University Indianapolis. Also is recognized as the other half of the Social Chair position. Plans parties, club events, and works with a team to produce deliverables such as fliers.

- Participated in the Exploring Paris study abroad program held by the Herron School of Art at Indiana University Indianapolis in March of 2025. Program consisted of analyzing architecture, art, and aesthetics to understand Parisian culture and history.
- Volunteered with the Kankakee Valley Historical Society on their Summer 2023 Collier Lodge Archaeological Excavation. Sifted through dirt for artifacts, dug pits, and mapped units in the field.
- Served as the Panhellenic Delegate of the Alpha Beta Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega at Purdue University in the 2022-2023 academic year. Attended regular meetings to ensure there was compliance with Purdue and Panhellenic guidelines.
- Participated in the Fort Ouiatenon Archaeological Excavation with the Purdue University Anthropology Department in the summer of 2022. Sifted through artifacts, dug pits, mapped units, and analyzed data with tools in the field with a team.

## Projects

- “Understanding and Protecting the Masonic Book Collection of the Masonic Library and Museum of Indiana” (12/2026). This project was centered on naming the agents of deterioration found in the historic library at the Masonic Library and Museum of Indiana. This case study used data to provide context and evidence to support the creation of new protocol.
- “Reading a Book by Its Cover: Using Symbology to Identify a Mystery Object” (4/2025). This Study intended to help the Indianapolis Children’s Museum identify the origin of a beaded necklace found within their collection without object identification. It uses the theory of historical particularism to help understand the objects physical features to identify a point of origin through cultural context.
- “An Architectural Comparison of the Louvre & the Centre Pompidou” (3/2025). This presentation fused history, art, and architecture to understand the cultural landscape of Paris. This done by comparing two museums and their different forms of architecture.