THE WORDPRESS BLOGS AS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TEAM-BUILDING TOOL

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The blogs are now more than just a simple way to broadcast information. They function as a tool for team building and professional development for Prange staff members, interns and student assistants.

TIPS to make blogs less time-consuming...

- Be clear about who is responsible for writing each post
- Brainstorm with students and staff members frequently for ideas
- Create a series that will showcase many related items from your collection and will make it easy to create a stock of blog posts
- Pre-schedule as many posts as possible
- Be organized!

(We use a shared Google Doc to monitor the status of each post)

ENHANCE STUDENTS’ RESUMES

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HIGHLIGHTS THE EXPERTISE OF STAFF MEMBERS

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Prange Collection Blog Schedule

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The Prange Collection mounted an exhibition in 2018-2019 that was on display for a year. After the exhibition was installed, each staff member chose a favorite item from the exhibition and published a blog post about it.

A staff member who specializes in preservation tasks publishes diaries on how she conducts her work, including unstapling, cutting cords, and paper-smoothing.

A staff member who created metadata for the digitization of newspaper manuscripts and documents (Censored Newspaper Articles - CNAs) writes "On this day..." posts featuring the CNAs.

A staff member who is interested in films writes a movie-related post every year in the lead-up to the Oscars.

A staff member who is transcribing oral histories writes a series of blog posts featuring each interviewee on their birthday.

Censorship Test

Passworts and dogwhistles of needs prior to surgery

TIE Staff Pick From the Exhibition – Dance Photographs

The Prange Collection hosted "Chasing the Shadow: An American Dance in Asia" in 2018. Five photographs were displayed and features of the dancers on the dance floor.

A staff member who was an intern from the History Department. He worked as an oral history collection to gain insights from the interviewees and/or their family members.

Joe was an undergraduate student pursuing a double major in Japanese and Korean. He wrote a blog post on Korean-language education books in the collection.

Nori was a Government & Politics major who published a series of blog posts on the Japanese Constitution.

Mike was an undergraduate student pursuing a double major in Japanese and Korean. She wrote a blog post on Korean-language education books in the collection.

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