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## LANGUAGE

SPANISH | 80%  
Conversational

ITALIAN | 75%  
Academic

## EQUIPMENT & TECH

- Boom & Scissor Lifts
- Pallet Jack
- Freight Elevator
- Polarized Light Microscope
- Portable X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzer
- Chemical Storage & Waste Containers
- Propane Torch (bronze maintenance)
- Respirators (particle & organic vapor)
- Tyvek Contamination Suit
- Sewing Machine
- Bookeye Scanner
- Adobe Suite
- Microsoft Office 365
- Mac & Windows OS
- Argus Museum & Artwork Archive Databases
- Trello Project Management Software
- Monday.com Project Management Software
- Zoom.com

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Commerce City Cultural Council (2019-2022)
- President & of DU Art History & Anthro. Group
- American Institute for Conservation
- Mortar Board National College Honors Society
- American Alliance of Museums
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- Emerging Conservation Professionals Network

# SAMANTHA HUNT-DURÁN

## CONSERVATION & COLLECTIONS ASSOCIATE

## PROFILE

In my current role, I manage several simultaneous collection management projects. Most projects result in comprehensive museum management documents, such as Scope of Collection Statements and Collection Storage Plans. I have contributed to several such documents for major cultural institutions, including several National Park Service (NPS) units, such as Grand Canyon and Yellowstone National Park.

I have experience in collections management, conservation, archives processing, collection packing & moving, disaster mitigation, and historic preservation. Notably, I have experience in treating and handling heavy-metal contaminated objects and garments.

## EDUCATION

### MA Art History

2016 - 2018

#### University of Denver

- Concentration in Museum Studies
- Thesis on contemporary art criticism
- 3.77 GPA

### BFA Pre-Art Conservation

2011 - 2015

#### University of Denver

- Minors in Chemistry & Italian Language
- Cum Laude with Honors & Distinction
- 3.89 GPA

## CURRENT & RECENT ROLES

### Conservation & Collections Associate

2019 - now

#### Pacific Coast Conservation

2334 Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80207

- Manages collection management projects.
- Develops policy & planning documents for collection storage & associated facilities.
- Coordinates & manages sub-contractors for onsite & offsite work.
- Prepares proposals & budgets for potential contracts.
- Supports Senior Conservator with conservation treatments, assessment & documentation.

### Conservation Assistant

2014 - 2019

#### Denver Art Museum

100 W 14th Ave Pkwy, Denver, CO 80204

- treatment, report writing, mount-making, photo documentation, chemical lab maintenance, responding to incident reports, install & de-install
- Objects, outdoor sculptures & textiles
- Coordinating treatment, accommodating various museum department needs

## COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT

### PRESENTATIONS

- "Treatment of an Oil Painting by Jenne Magafan"
  - "Polychrome Sculpture: Treatment & Research"
  - "Undergraduate Research: Beyond STEM"
  - "Marie Watt & the *Female Heroic Gesture*"
  - "Art Conservation & International Culture"
  - "Research in the Humanities"
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### PROF. DEVELOPMENT

#### > Conferences:

- AIC's 45th Annual Meeting
- AIC's 46th Annual Meeting
- DU Internationalization Summit
- Front Range Art History Symposium
- NCSC Council Conference
- DU Academic Opportunities Fair

#### > Workshops:

- Care & Identification of Photographs
  - Pigment Identification (PLM)
  - FAIC Preventive Conservation
  - Scrapbook Preservation Webinar
  - Beginning Bookbinding
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### CONSERVATION WORK

- Outdoor Sculpture Maintenance Intern
  - Denver Art Museum
- Oil Paintings Conservation Intern
  - Kuniej Berry LLC, Chicago, IL
- Archaeological Artifacts Conservation Intern
  - Studio Art Centers, Intl, Florence, Italy
- Abstract Expressionism Conservation Intern
  - Clyfford Still Museum, Denver
- Polychrome Wood Conservation Intern
  - Art Objects Conservation LLC, Denver
- Paper Conservation Intern
  - Beth Heller Conservation LLC, Denver

#### **Gallery Maintenance & Install**

2018

##### Denver Art Museum

100 W 14th Ave Pkwy, Denver, CO 80204

wire mount install & gallery maintenance of the DAM's "Dior" exhibition, including garment adjustment, dusting decks, cleaning Plexiglas, cleaning garments

- Install per loan requirements
- Maintenance per loan requirements
- Responding to incident reports

#### **Collections Move Assistant**

2017

##### Denver Art Museum

100 W 14th Ave Pkwy, Denver, CO 80204

packing & making travel mounts for the collections move off-site, including the packing of Native Arts contaminated with heavy metals

- Contamination PPE protocols
- Art packing & mount-making
- Logistics & art tracking

#### **Archives Processing Assistant**

2014 - 2015

##### University of Denver

2150 E Evans Ave, Denver, CO 80208

processing, rehousing, digitizing, & handling archived Colorado heritage materials from the mid-1800s onward & training new assistants in these procedures

- Establishing digitization protocol
  - Digitizing fragile materials w/ BookEye
  - Training new employees in protocol
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## OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

#### **Art School Accreditation Assistant**

2016 - 2017

##### University of Denver

2150 E Evans Ave, Denver, CO 80208

applying for the renewal of the art school's North American School of Art & Design (NASAD) accreditation

- Logistics & scheduling per deadlines
- Compiling required materials
- Writing & editing accreditation study

#### **Ars et Fides Docent**

2013

##### Cathedral Duomo

Piazza del Duomo, 50122 Firenze FI, Italy

providing free hour-long tours & information to visitors of the Cathedral through the organization, *Ars et Fides*

- Content memorization & interpretation
- Catering to international patrons
- Public speaking

#### **DaVinci Exhibition Docent**

2012 - 2013

##### DaVinci Machines Exhibition

16th Street Pavillions, Denver, CO 80265

providing 40 minute docent tours of Leonardo DaVinci's life to large tour groups, catering to school-age groups

- Answering the gallery business line
- Answering patrons' history questions
- Gift shop & register